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GENEALOGY OF THE DEXTER FAMILY IN AMERICA

Descendants of Thomas Dexter

*Together with the record of other
allied families*

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P R E F A C E

So much interest has been manifested at the Dexter family reunions, in the history of the family ancestors, that the compilers decided to secure such additional data as was possible to add to what they had on hand and to publish a Genealogy of the Dexter family, together with mention of other families connected by marriage.

We do not expect this work is free from errors, but we have tried to have them as few as possible, and we would esteem it a favor if any of our readers will inform us of any errors that may come to their notice. We would be very glad to receive any additions to family records for use when occasion may offer.

In compiling this work we have made free use of public libraries, family Bibles, records of cities and towns, churches, antiquarian and genealogical societies, together with extended correspondence with scores of individuals, and every other source of information within our reach; and we wish at this time to thank all those who have contributed in any way to the success of this work.

In arranging this record we have given each person a serial number in Arabic figures, and the family number in Roman numerals.

The column of figures on the left margin of page is from beginning to end the general enumeration, and where they are followed by an asterisk [*] it shows that the record of family is found under that number. By this plan, to trace out any particular one, you have only to take the number at the head of chapter or paragraph and turn back to same number in the margin and you will there find the parentage, and the same process continued will take you back to the first generations.

Thomas Dexter

OF SAUGUS AND LYNN

Of the early life of Thomas Dexter, the first ancestor of this line of Dexters to arrive in this country, but little is known. He came either with Mr. Endicott in 1629 or in the fleet with Governor Winthrop in 1630. He brought with him three of his children at least, and several servants, but as there is no record of his wife, it is presumed that she died before they sailed from England. There is some reason to believe that they belonged in the neighborhood of Bristol, England, for in the years that followed he had considerable dealing with people who lived there. In 1640 he gave a mortgage of his 800-acre farm at Lynn to Humphrey Hooke, alderman of Bristol, Eng.

He had received a good education, and wrote a beautiful hand, as papers now in existence will show; was a man of great energy of character, public-spirited, and ever ready to contribute to the support of any enterprise he thought to be of interest to the colony; always independent, and fearless in the expression of his opinions. Such were the leading traits; but it must be admitted, says one writer, "that his energy of character bordered on stubbornness and his independence of thought on indiscretion and self-will."

In 1630, in the prime of life and with ample means, he settled on a farm of 800 acres in the town of Lynn, Mass. He had many servants, and was called "Farmer Dexter." The house was on the west side of the Saugus River, about where the iron works were afterward erected.

In 1633 he built a bridge over the Saugus River and stretched a weir across it, and a little later built a mill near by.

He was greatly interested in starting the iron works, which were the first to be built in this section of the country, getting the iron ore from the Cape. He interested English capital in the enterprise and became the general manager. Some years later, becoming convinced that the enterprise could not prove satisfactory, he withdrew.

He became a freeman in 1631, but soon lost the honor, for he was disfranchised on the 4th of March, 1633. He had many quarrels and many vexatious lawsuits. In 1631 he had a quarrel with Captain Endicott (afterward Governor), in which the Salem magistrate struck Mr. Dexter, who had him complained of in court at Boston. Mr. Endicott said in his defense: "I hear I am much complained of by Goodman Dexter for striking him. Understanding since it is not lawful for a justice of the peace to strike, but if you had seen the manner of his carriage with such daring of me, with arms akimbo, it would have provoked a very patient man. He has given out that if I had a purse he would make me empty it, and if he cannot have justice here, he will do wonders in England, and if he cannot prevail there, he will try it out with me here at blows. If it were lawful for me to try it out at blows and he a fit man for me to deal with, you would not hear me complain." The jury gave Mr. Dexter a verdict of £10.

In 1633 the court ordered Mr. Dexter to be set in the bilboes, disfranchised and fined £10 for speaking reproachful and seditious words against the government here established.

Mr. Dexter, having been insulted by Samuel Hutchinson, met him one day on the road, "and jumping from his horse bestowed about twenty blows on the head and shoulders of Hutchinson, to the no small danger or deray of his senses as well as sensibilities." These facts would indicate that Mr. Dexter was not a meek man.

In 1637 he and nine others obtained from the Plymouth Colony court a grant of the township of Sandwich. He went there and built the first grist mill. He did not remain there long, however, for in 1638, he had 350 acres assigned to him as one of the inhabitants of Lynn. He remained in Lynn until 1646. About this time he purchased two farms in Barnstable,



THE INDIAN CHIEF, POGNANUM (BLACK WILL), SELLING THE LAND
OF NAHANT TO THOMAS DEXTER.

one adjoining the mill-stream and afterwards occupied by his son William, and the other farm on the northeastern declivity of "Seorton Hill." His dwelling was situated on the north side of the old county road, and commanded an extensive prospect of the country for miles around. Here he lived a quieter life, yet could not keep entirely free from lawsuits, for in 1648 he had no less than six lawsuits in court, all decided in his favor.

His greatest lawsuit was with the inhabitants of Lynn over the ownership of the land where Nahant now is. This land Mr. Dexter bought of the Indian chief Pognamun, or "Black Will," paying for the same a suit of good clothes. This he fenced in and used it to pasture his cows. The title to this was disputed by the other inhabitants (1657) who, if his claim was denied, would share in the division of the land. The result was a defeat for him and his heirs, although they kept it in court over thirty-eight years.

In 1657 Mr. Dexter took the oath of fidelity. He was admitted freeman of Plymouth Colony on June 1, 1658. For the next eighteen years he lived a quiet, retired life on his farm. During the later years of his life he appears to have conveyed his mill and his large real estate in Sandwich to his son Thomas^d, Jr., and his West Barnstable farm to his son William, retaining his Seorton Hill farm and his personal estate for his own use. He sold this last mentioned farm in 1673 to William Troope (Throope).

He then removed to Boston, that he might spend the remainder of his days with his daughter, who was the wife of Captain Oliver. He died there in 1677, and was buried in the Oliver tomb in King's Chapel burying-ground.

Taken all in all, he was one of the foremost men of his times. He had faults; and who has not? No attempt has been made in this to veil them. He was not one to hide his light under a bushel, and in estimating his character we must inquire what he did, not what he might have done. Who did more than Thomas Dexter to promote the interest of the infant colony at Lynn, with the building of the weir, the bridge, the mill and the great iron works? Who did more at Sandwich and at Barnstable, where he built bridges, mills and roads, improve-

ments that the public took interest in? For these acts he is deserving credit, and they will forever embalm his memory.

As to religious matters, he was a member of the Puritan Church, yet tolerant and liberal in his views.

Children:

- 2^a i Thomas² Dexter, b. England; m. Elizabeth Vincent, 1648.
- 3^a ii William² Dexter, b. England; m. Sarah Vincent, 1653.
- 4^a iii Mary² Dexter, b. England; m. (1) John Frend, m. (2) Captain James Oliver.
- 5^a iv Frances² Dexter, b. England; m. Richard Woodde, or [Woodee].

NOTE.—Thomas Dexter and Edmund Freeman were both among the grantors of Sandwich, and both came from Lynn and were neighbors, and in the fifth generation the families were united. Samuel Dexter of Hardwick married Thankful Freeman, a descendant of Edmund Freeman.

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Thomas² Dexter, son of Thomas¹ Dexter, was born in England and came to this country with his father. In 1647 he was chosen constable for the town of Sandwich. This proves that he must have been born before the family came to America, as he must have been over twenty-four years of age when elected constable. In 1648 he kept the mill that his father built in 1640. In 1655 he was commissioned Ensign of a company of militia, which office he held many years, and was known as "Ensign Dexter." He served upon the jury very often between 1652 and 1659, and was elected surveyor of highways and collector of taxes 1675, and the record says he was an inn-keeper 1680. He did not have the fondness for lawsuits that his father had, but he did inherit some of his father's quarrels about line fences, but these he settled by adjustment. In one case when there was a dispute between the town of Sandwich and him, the matter was left to Mr. Thomas Prence, Mr. Thomas Hinckley and Mr. Constant Southworth to settle. These men were among the most prominent men in the colony. In 1663 Mr. Thomas Hinckley, Mr. Constant South-

worth and he were a committee to settle the boundary between Sandwich and Plymouth. In 1655 he was, according to the usages of the times, entitled to the honor of being styled "Mister," and in the latter part of his life, being a large land-owner, was styled "Gentleman." He appears to have been a worthy man, enterprising, useful, a good neighbor and a good citizen. In addition to the land received from his father, he was granted 100 acres upland in Sandwich in 1667.

He married Elizabeth Vincent, 8 Nov., 1648, and they had five children, all being alive except Thomas² at the time of his death (which occurred 29 Dec., 1686), and are mentioned in the division of his property, which was as follows, viz.:

Agreement for division of property of late Thomas² Dexter, Gentleman, February 16, 1686-7, between Elizabeth Dexter, Daniel Allen of Swansea for his wife Mary, Jonathan Hallett of Yarmouth for his wife Abigail, and John Dexter: "The widow to have one-third part of all the movable estate and chattles, the mill excepted, also to enjoy ye westerly end of the dwelling house, both cellar and two lower rooms and chamber and garrett for the rest of her life; but if she sees fit to rent her part she is to let her son John Dexter or his heirs have the refusal of it at same price others would pay. She is also to have the corn, rye, wheat, butter and meat she now possesses; and her son John is to cut and carry home for her suitable and sufficient firewood while she dwells in Sandwich, to winter and summer two cows for her and to pay her £9 per annum while she lives. The son John to have the rest of estate both real and personal paying to his sister Elizabeth Dexter £55 (£5 down and balance in four years, but if she marries within three years the £50 is to be paid within one year after her marriage). To Jonathan Hallett £50, one half on next Michaelmas day, the rest within three years from date of agreement. To Daniel Allen £16 on or before 16 Feb., 1688-89. John is to pay all debts and receive all debts due the estate."

[Elizabeth Dexter, Jr., and Jonathan Hallett signed by marks. Witnesses were Stephen Skiff, James Percival, Wm. Bassett, June, 1687.]

Children, born in Sandwich:

- 6⁺ i Mary² Dexter, b. 11 Aug., 1649; m. 12 Oct., 1670, Daniel Allen of Swansea.
- 7 ii Elizabeth² Dexter, b. 21 Sept., 1651; died young.
- 8 iii Thomas² Dexter, b. 1653; died 1679.
- 9* iv John² Dexter, b. 1656; m. Mahitabel Hallett, 10 Nov., 1682.
- 10 v Elizabeth² Dexter, b. 7 Apr., 1660. In 1714 her mother left her all her estate.
- 11* vi Abigail² Dexter, b. 12 June, 1663; m. Jonathan Hallett, 30 June, 1684.

NOTE.—This record may be of interest to some:

Account of settlement of dispute, September, 1647: "We whose names are here under written doe give our full and free consent that Thomas Dexter the younger shall have those two Islands of upland that lye in his marsh near John Freeman's house. Witness our hands this 20 Sept., 1647, Edmund Freeman, Edward Dillingham, Wm. Wood, Gorg Knot, Thomas Dexter, Thomas Tupper.

"I doe acknowledge myself freely willing hereunto. Thomas Prence."

3

William² Dexter, son of Thomas¹ Dexter, was born in England, came to America with his father, and was in Barnstable in 1650. He lived on one of the two farms that his father bought. He took oath in Barnstable in 1657. He removed to Rochester about 1679 and died there in 1694. He was one of a party of thirty, which included such men as William Bradford, Kenelem Winslow, Thomas Hinckley and Rev. Samuel Arnold, who became the grantees of the town of Rochester. When he died he owned considerable land both in Barnstable and in Rochester which he gave to his children, as follows: James² Dexter, Thomas² Dexter and John² Dexter had the Rochester lands, while Stephen² Dexter, Philip² Dexter and Benjamin² Dexter had the Barnstable land. The children all went to Rochester

except Philip, who removed to Falmouth, Mass., and Stephen, who remained in Barnstable and who was the only one of the name in the town in 1703.

William¹ married Sarah Vincent, July, 1653, and they had seven children, all born in Barnstable:

- 12 i Mary² Dexter, b. Jan., 1654; m. Moses Barlow. Removed to Rochester.
- 13 ii Stephen² Dexter, b. May, 1657; m. Ann Saunders.
- 14 iii Philip² Dexter, b. Sept., 1659; m. Alice Allen; d. 1741.
- 15 iv James² Dexter, b. May, 1662; d. 15 July, 1694; m. Elizabeth Tobey.
- 16 v Thomas² Dexter, b. July, 1665; m. (1) Mary Miller, 1695, (2) Sarah C. March, 1702; d. 31 July, 1744. No issue.
- 17 vi John² Dexter, b. Aug., 1668; m. Sarah ———; d. 31 July, 1744.
- 18 vii Benjamin² Dexter, b. 16 Feb., 1670; m. Sarah Arnold; d. 1754.

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Mary² Dexter, daughter of Thomas¹ Dexter, was born in England and came to America with her father and settled in Lynn. She married (1) John Frend, October, 1639, and (2) Captain James Oliver, an eminent merchant of Boston. They had no family, but her father came to live with them, and was there in 1677 when he died, and Captain Oliver was one of the administrators of his estate.

Captain James was the son of Thomas and Ann Oliver, who came from England in 1632. Thomas, the father, was one of the ruling elders and of wide influence in the affairs of the new town. Captain James was admitted freeman 1640, was of the artillery company 1651, was Lieutenant 1653 and Captain 1656 and 1666; was selectman 1653, and for several years inspector of the port. He was Captain of first military company of Boston 1673, was appointed to command of the company in the Narragansett campaign, and was one of the few officers that passed safely through the "great swamp fight."

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Frances² Dexter, daughter of Thomas¹ Dexter, born in England. It is not certainly known whether she came to America with her father or came later. She married Sergeant Richard Woodee,* Jr., son of Richard and Annie Woodee, in 1647, and they had eight children, born in Roxbury, Mass. The records say that the father and Samuel, Richard, Mary, Martha and Elizabeth were dismissed to Third Church, Boston, in 1673.

Children:

- 19 i Thomas² Woodee, b. 12 Dec., 1648; d. 13 Oct., 1659.
- 20 ii Mary² Woodee, b. 21 Aug., 1650; m. John Daffern; three children.
- 21 iii Martha² Woodee, b. 25 Feb., 1651-2; was a widow 1695.
- 22 iv Elizabeth² Woodee, b. 19 Sept., 1653.
- 23 v Ann² Woodee, b. 12 July, 1655.
- 24 vi Samuel² Woodee, b. 11 Sept., 1656.
- 25 vii Richard² Woodee, b. 3 Dec., 1658.
- 26 viii Sarah² Woodee, b. 26 March, 1661; d. 23 Aug., 1661.

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Mary³ Dexter, daughter of Thomas² [Thomas¹] and Elizabeth [Vincent] Dexter, was born 11 August, 1649, at Sandwich, Mass., and married Daniel Allen of Swansea, 12 Oct., 1670.

They had nine children, born in Swansea:

- 27 i Mary⁴ Allen, b. 17 Dec., 1671.
- 28 ii Elizabeth⁴ Allen, b. 28 Sept., 1673.
- 29 iii Thomas⁴ Allen, b. 13 Oct., 1676.
- 30 iv Sarah⁴ Allen, b. 13 Aug., 1678.
- 31 v Daniel⁴ Allen, b. 29 Aug., 1680.
- 32 vi Ebenezer⁴ Allen, b. 31 Aug., 1682.
- 33 vii John⁴ Allen, b. 6 Dec., 1684.
- 34 viii Samuel⁴ Allen, b. 16 May, 1687.
- 35 ix Joseph⁴ Allen, b. 21 May, 1690.

*This name is sometimes spelled Woodde.

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John³ Dexter, son of Thomas² [Thomas¹] and Elizabeth [Vincent] Dexter, was born in Sandwich 1656. He was admitted freeman 1681. He was a member of militia in 1675, and while acting as guard was beaten by one Joseph Burge. Said Burge was fined £5, and 10s. was given to John.

He married 10 Nov., 1682, Mehitabel Hallett. She was the daughter of Andrew Hallett, Jr.,* of Yarmouth, who was one of the wealthiest men in that place.

In 1686 he sold to his brother-in-law, Jonathan Hallett, a negro slave called "Harry," aged 29 years, for £20.

Four children, born in Portsmouth, R. I.:

- 36 i Elizabeth⁴ Dexter, b. 1 Nov., 1683.
- 37 ii Thomas⁴ Dexter, b. 26 Aug., 1686; m. Mercy Fish, 1710.
- 38 iii Abigail⁴ Dexter, b. 26 May, 1689; m. Job Lawton, 10 Sept., 1713.
- 39 iv John⁴ Dexter, b. 11 Sept., 1692; m. Mercy Manchester, 12 Dec., 1717.

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Abigail² Dexter, daughter of Thomas² [Thomas¹] and Elizabeth [Vincent] Dexter, was born 12 June, 1663, at Sandwich, Mass. She married Jonathan Hallett (on 30 June, 1683-4), the son of Andrew Hallett, Jr., of Yarmouth. After the death of his father he removed to Yarmouth, and was the wealthiest man in that town. He was constable in 1684.

*Andrew Hallett, Jr., the son of Andrew Hallett of Weymouth, England, came over in 1636 at the age of 28. His father came over at an earlier date and was known as Schoolmaster Hallett.

Andrew, Jr., settled in Lynn, moving to Yarmouth in 1637. Admitted as freeman before 1640. In 1642 he bought of Giles Hopkins the first house known to have been built by white men in town, also ten acres of land. He afterward purchased other lots until he owned 300 acres. He had rights in the common land for 500 acres more; he also had land in Barnstable.

He was a shrewd calculator and good business man, and before his death his taxes amounted to one-twentieth of the whole tax of the town. He died in 1681, aged 76 years, and by his will, after providing for his wife, Anne (who was a daughter of Anthony Besse of Sandwich), remembered his daughters and grandchildren liberally, and giving to his oldest son, Jonathan (who married Abigail Dexter) the little calves' pasture, so called, as a token of his right as oldest son. His sons John and Jonathan to divide the rest of the property peacefully between them. His estate was valued at £1180. Much of his landed estate remained in the family for years.

They lived in the same house with his mother until her death in 1695, when he built a new house. He was not an educated man, but succeeded in getting together considerable property for those times. He died 14 Jan., 1716-17, aged 69; his wife died 12 Sept., 1715, aged 52, and they were both buried in the old burying-ground at Yarmouth.

They had nine children, all born at Yarmouth:

- 40 i Mehitable¹ Hallett, b. —; m. Edward Sturges, 25 Nov., 1703.
- 41 ii Ebenezer¹ Hallett, b. —; d. 1760; married three times.
- 42 iii Thomas¹ Hallett, b. 1691; d. 1772; married four times; no children.
- 43 iv Deacon Jonathan¹ Hallett, b. 1693; d. 1783; m. 1719, Desire Howes; eleven children.
- 44 v David¹ Hallett, b. —; m. 1719, Mary, daughter of John Annable; ten children. Removed to Hyannis, and was first to build there.
- 45 vi Abigail¹ Hallett, b. —; m. Hatsuld Freeman, 18 Jan., 1719.
- 46 vii ———¹ Hallett, b. —, and lived to be over 100 years old.
- 47 viii Elizabeth¹ Hallett, b. —; m. Paul Crowell, 21 Oct., 1714.
- 48 ix Timothy¹ Hallett, b. 1702; d. 1771. He was a farmer and had six children; was married three times.

13

Stephen³ Dexter, son of William² [Thomas¹] and Sarah [Vincent] Dexter, was born in Barnstable, Mass., May, 1657, where he spent his whole life. He married Ann Saunders on 27 April, 1696, and they made their home on the farm which was originally his grandfather Thomas', at Dexter lane, West Barnstable. In 1703 he was the only one of the name left in Barnstable. He died in 1729, his will being probated 17 March, 1729-30.

They had ten children:

- 49* i Mary¹ Dexter, b. 24 Aug., 1696; m. Samuel Chead, 5 March, 1717.
- 50 ii A son who died in infancy, 23 Dec., 1698.
- 51 iii Abigail¹ Dexter, b. 13 May, 1699.

- 52 iv Content¹ Dexter, b. 5 Feb., 1701; m. Eben Sammers, 1725.
- 53 v Ann¹ Dexter, b. 3 March, 1703; m. John Williams, 1725.
- 54 vi Sarah¹ Dexter, b. 1 June, 1705.
- 55 vii Stephen¹ Dexter, b. 26 July, 1707; m. Abigail Collins, 1736. Had
his father's homestead.
- 56 viii Mercy¹ Dexter, b. 5 July, 1709.
- 57 ix Meriam¹ Dexter, b. 8 March, 1712.
- 58 x Cornelius¹ Dexter, b. 21 March, 1714; never married.

NOTE.—Cornelius and Molly lived in a two-story house on east side of Dexter lane, opposite the mill pond.

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Philip² Dexter, son of William² [Thomas¹] and Sarah [Vineent] Dexter, was born at Barnstable, Mass., September, 1659. He spent his early days in Barnstable, but at the time of his marriage to Alice Allen, he moved to Falmouth, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died 1741, aged 82. He was miller there many years. At one time he was complained of for charging too high, but as he was the only miller, the people were dependent upon him. A committee was sent to consult with him, but the record does not reveal the result, but at a later period he was paid by the town £30 for his part of the mill and the land that the pond covered, so it may be that the matter was settled in that way. In 1712 he and Thomas Bowerman were appointed to lay out land of the "New Purchase" into lots, etc. He was selectman, and also town clerk.

They had nine children:

- 59 i Joseph¹ Dexter, b. —; m. 1756. He had pew number 10 in
the new church at Falmouth.
- 60 ii Philip¹ Dexter, b. —; m. Tamer Chadwick, 19 Jan., 1752.
- 61 iii Jabez¹ Dexter, m. Mary Dexter, daughter of James² Dexter of
Rochester.
- 62 iv John¹ Dexter, b. —; d. 1723.
- 63 v
- 64 vi
- 65 vii
- 66 viii
- 67 ix

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James³ Dexter, son of William² [Thomas¹] and Sarah [Vincent] Dexter, was born in Barnstable, Mass., May, 1662. He went to Rochester with his father, where he married Elizabeth Tobey. They had three children born in Rochester. In 1712, after the death of the father, Mary, the daughter, being a minor over 14, chose Jabez Dexter (a kinsman) for guardian, and Deborah chose Samuel Hunt for her guardian.

Children:

- 68 i Elizabeth⁴ Dexter, b.——.
- 69 ii Mary⁴ Dexter, b. 5 Aug., 1692; m. before 1715 to Jabez Dexter of Falmouth. (See No. 61.)
- 70 iii Deborah⁴ Dexter, b. Rochester, 22 July, 1697; m. before 1720 to Samuel Hilman of Chilmark. In 1718 she sold sixty acres of land to Moses Barlow for £250.

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Thomas³ Dexter, son of William² [Thomas¹] and Sarah [Vincent] Dexter, was born at Barnstable, Mass., 1665; died 1744. He married (1) Mary Miller, 17 July, 1695, and had by her one son; married (2) Sarah C. March in 1702-3. The son must have died before his father, for he is not mentioned in his will, and he leaves most of his property to Constant Dexter, who had been brought up by him. He gave land to Mary Sherman, wife of William Sherman, who was a daughter of his brother John. He also gave land to Rose, or Rest, Dexter, daughter of his brother John. He gave £3 each to the four daughters of his brother John and to the two daughters of his brother Benjamin. He gave £5 to the church, and all the balance to Constant Dexter, son of his brother Benjamin.

- 71 i William⁴ Dexter, b. 22 April, 1696; died before 1744.

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John^d Dexter, son of William^d [Thomas^d] and Sarah [Vincent] Dexter, born in Barnstable, August, 1668; died 31 July, 1744.

He was called yeoman in 1690. He sold land to Samuel Arnold and John Hammond, and in 1714 to James Winslow, and in 1716 to Thomas Dexter.

He married Sarah ——— in 1702, and had seven children, all born at Rochester. His wife died 21 Jan., 1755.

Children:

- 72 i Gershom^d Dexter, b. 5 Jan., 1703; m. Mehitabel Bolls, 1 Oct., 1755.
- 73 ii Hannah^d Dexter, b. 6 Nov., 1705; m. James Steward, 16 April, 1730.
- 74 iii Rose [or Rest]^d Dexter, b. 25 Feb., 1708.
- 75 iv Dinah^d Dexter, b. 14 Oct., 1711.
- 76 v Fortunatus^d Dexter, b. 6 Aug., 1715; d. 5 Dec., 1715.
- 77 vi Mary^d Dexter, b. 3 Aug., 1719; m. William Sherman.
- 78* vii John^d Dexter, b. 16 Dec., 1727; m. Sarah Handy, 11 Dec., 1746.

Copy of the will of John^d Dexter, 9 June, 1744:

1st. I give to Sarah, my dearly beloved wife, the whole improvement and income of my whole estate, both within doors and without, so long as she shall be my widow, and in case of her intermarriage to have her thirds of the income of my lands for one year, and this bequest not to hinder her and her son Gershom agreeing for her maintenance if they can agree otherwise.

I appoint my son Gershom sole executor, and order him to pay all my just debts out of my movable estate in case there be sufficient to do it with. After the legacies hereafter mentioned are paid and in case there are not sufficient to pay legacies and debts, he shall pay them out of my lands which I shall leave.

I give all my real estate, consisting of house and lands, to my sons, Gershom and John, to be equally divided between them after my wife shall have done with it, and it is to be to them and their heirs forever. And in case they shall not divide it in their lifetime, it shall be in the power of their heirs or either of their heirs to divide, and in case either of my sons shall see cause to sell in the lifetime of the other, he shall first give the

offer to his brother, who shall have liberty of buying by giving as much as another will. And this I give them on condition that they shall pay out the legacies that I order them to pay to their sisters.

I give to my daughter Mary fifteen acres of land out of my grants, to be hers forever, taken up as the grants will allow of.

I give to my three daughters, Hannah, Dinah and Mary, £5 each, to be paid in bills or movables within one year.

I give to my daughter Rest £20 in bills of good credit, old tenor, and a liberty in my dwelling-house during her single life, with firewood and such conveniences for her as she and her mother may order.

This is my last will.

John Dexter.

18

Benjamin³ Dexter, son of William² [Thomas¹] and Sarah [Vincent] Dexter, was born in Barnstable, Feb., 1670; removed to Rochester with his father, where he died in 1732.

He married Sarah Arnold, the daughter of Rev. Samuel² Arnold, who was the second minister at Rochester, and also one of the grantees of the town. Her grandfather, Rev. Samuel¹ Arnold, was third minister of Marshfield.

Benjamin was a farmer and sold land in 1693 to Moses Barlow, in 1699 to John Hammond, in 1723 to Edward Winslow, in 1715 to John Corning. All of this land was inherited from his father.

He died in 1732, estate valued at £1047. They had eleven children, all born in Rochester. At the father's death James Dexter was made guardian of the two young children, Seth and Joanna.

Children:

- 79⁺ i Noah⁴ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 26 March, 1697; d. 1755.
- 80⁺ ii James⁴ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 22 July, 1698; d. 1775.
- 81⁺ iii Benjamin⁴ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 4 March, 1700.
- 82⁺ iv Sarah⁴ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 1 July, 1702.
- 83⁺ v Josiah⁴ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 12 Nov., 1704.
- 84⁺ vi Constant⁴ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 27 Nov., 1706.
- 85⁺ vii Samuel⁴ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 14 Dec., 1708.
- 86⁺ viii Ephraim⁴ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 27 May, 1711; d. 4 Nov., 1774.

- 87 ix Daniel¹ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 29 July, 1713.
 88 x Joanna¹ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 12 Dec., 1715; m. John Barrows,
 22 Nov., 1737, by Rev. T. Ruggles.
 89 xi Seth¹ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 3 Oct., 1718; d. 6 April, 1793.

The will of Benjamin Dexter:

In the name of God, Amen: this 15th day of August, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and thirty two (1732), I Benjamin Dexter of Rochester in the County of Plymouth, in the Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England, Yeoman, do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

First, I give my soul to God that gave it, and my body to ye ground to be buried by my Executors after my decease at their discretion. And as to my worldly estate which God has pleased to bless me with, I give and dispose of ye same in ye manner & form following

First, I give to my son Noah the homestead he now lives in, containing something above forty acres, and his bounds to begin at the water-side on the Westerly side of my land, and to run straight up to the place called the gate, and from thence by the stone-wall down to the salt-water again, containing upland and salt-meadow, and ye same to be to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item:—I give to my son James all the lands of all sorts which descended from the Rev. Mr. Samuel Arnold of Rochester, his Grand-father, to my wife and me, and also that which descended from our brother John Arnold to us, or either of us, the same to be to him his heirs and assigns forever, be the same more or less in Rochester or elsewhere, excepting a certain forty acres wh^{ch} was given to my wife by deed; and since there may arise a dispute in law whether I have power to will the said lands wh^{ch} descended from the said Arnolds to my Wife deceased. And that the same may be secured to these I shall give it unto, my Will is that all my other children and heirs in Law of my S^d Wife deceased, shall as they come to lawful age and s^d James or his heirs shall demand it, give him and them a quit-claim of all their rights thereunto; and upon their, or either of their refusal so to do, my will is that sixty pounds worth of that estate which I shall in this my will give to any of them so refusing to do it shall be taken out of his or her part and portion of my estate and be given to my said son James and ye same to be to him and his heirs forever.

Item: My will is that my two sons Benjamin and Josiah shall have equally divided between them or their heirs, and ye same to be to them and their heirs and assigns forever, all the lands where they live, being what I bought of John Mumford, containing their homesteads to be equally divided between them as they may agree or if they cannot then by two men equally chosen by them or their heirs, and also the land adjoining which I have laid out there in my own right, and each to have his half where his house stands.

Item:—My Will is that my son Samuel shall have three-score acres of my granted lands, wch are not laid out, but granted to be laid out, adjoining to my homestead as may best suit him, so as to take in the land he hath broken up beginning about ten Rod above the Mill-dam and so as to include the sd three-score acres with the allowance, and also I give him the one-third part of ye mills and appurtenances, ye same to be him & his heirs forever.

Item:—I give to my son Ephraim and ye same to be to him & his heirs and assigns forever, also ye like quantity of sixty acres of my granted lands which is not taken up, but already granted to be taken, on the westerly side of Samuel's grants adjoining to my homestead with the one-third part of ye mills & appurtenances.

Item:—My Will is that Daniel my son, shall have twenty acres of my granted lands and take it up where it shall suit him best, and the same with one-third part of my mill and appurtenances to be to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item:—My Will is that my son Seth shall have my homestead that I now live on, and the same to be to him and his heirs and assigns forever, by the sd homestead I mean to contain what lands I have already laid out and recorded where I now live, with ye housing on the same, not to include the Mill course.

Item:—My Will is that my son Constant shall have twenty acres out of my eighty acre grant, to be taken up as the grant will allow of, but not to interfere with any of his brethren in laying out the same so as to deprive them of their choice and ye sd twenty acres to be to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item:—My Will is that my daughter Sarah shall have out of my movable estate eighty pounds paid her out of my movable estate by my executors over and above what I have already given her, ye same to be to her and her heirs forever.

Item:—My Will is that my daughter Joanna shall have one-hundred pounds out of my movable estate paid her by my executors. Also my will is that my son Daniel shall have that forty acres of land which was my sd Wife's, his mother's, by a deed or conveyance from her Hon^d Father Arnold, the same to be to him his heirs and assigns forever. And my Will is that all his brothers and sisters sign him a Quit-Claim of all their rights thereunto as they shall come of lawful age, when desired, & that if any of them leave heirs, before they quit-claim, they are also obliged thereunto as they are to my son James, and upon their refusal, my Will is that thirty pounds worth of ye estate which I herein give to such as refuse shall be taken and given to my said son Daniel to be to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item:—My Will is that what salt-meadow I bought in Rochester aforesaid which did belong to Ye Ancient Freeman called Freemans rights to be divided among my two sons Benjamin And Josiah as also two lots of my Salt-Meadow at the Pine Islands so called in sd Rochester, shall be to my

sd two sons Benjamin and Josiah and to their heirs forever: And it is to be noted that all the lands before willed lyeth in Rochester aforesaid, also my will is that my son Sammel shall have two lots of salt-meadow at Pine Island to be to him and his heirs forever, and my son Ephraim two lots at Pine Island to him and his heirs forever, also my son Daniel two lots more at Pine Island to him and his heirs forever.

And I do hereby ordain and appoint my three sons Samuel and Ephraim & Seth joint Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and my will is that if there be any part of my movable estate left after my just debts and funeral charges and charges of settling my estate are paid & Sarah has her eighty pounds, and Joanna has her hundred pounds out thereof, as money shall then pass of this province, that the Surplussage be equally divided among my sons Samuel Ephraim & Daniel.

Also my will that whatsoever other lands I have or do own, be ye same whatsoever or wheresoever that I have not in this my Will given away shall be equally divided among all my sons to be to them and their heirs forever.

In testimony of this my last Will and Testament I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first written.

Benjamin Dexter. [Seal]

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced, and declared by me the sd Benjamin Dexter, as my last Will & Testament.

In the presence of us John Hammond, Samuel Winslow, Rowld Hammond, George (his X mark) Danford, Timothy Ruggles.

37

Thomas¹ Dexter, son of John² [Thomas², Thomas¹] and Mehitabel [Hallett] Dexter, born 26 Aug., 1686; married Mercy Fish of Portsmouth, 28 April, 1710. Was elected Representative in 1738. Was on jury in 1733.

Children:

- 90 i Mehitabel² Dexter, b. 15 March, 1710-11.
- 91 ii Zuriel² Dexter, b. 16 Dec., 1712.

38

Abigail¹ Dexter, daughter of John² [Thomas², Thomas¹] and Mehitabel [Hallett] Dexter, born 26 May, 1689, died 6

Aug., 1725. Married in Portsmouth, R. I., 10 Sept., 1713. Job Lawton, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Tallman) Lawton of Portsmouth; he was born 1691.

Children :

- 92 i Thomas^s Lawton, b. 16 June, 1715.
- 93 ii Job^s Lawton, b. 31 Oct., 1717.
- 94 iii Isaac^s Lawton, b. 20 Jan., 1719-20.
- 95 iv John^s Lawton, b. 11 March, 1721-2; d. 1740.
- 96 v George^s Lawton, b. 9 June, 1724.

39

John^d Dexter, son of John^s [Thomas^s, Thomas^d] and Mehitabel [Hallett] Dexter, was born 11 Sept., 1692; married Mercy Manchester, 12 Dec., 1717.

They had seven children, born in Portsmouth, R. I.:

- 97 i Thomas^s Dexter, b. in Portsmouth, 24 July, 1718.
- 98 ii John^s Dexter, b. in Portsmouth, 26 July, 1722.
- 99 iii Benjamin^s Dexter, b. in Portsmouth, 23 Dec., 1724.
- 100 iv Abigail^s Dexter, b. in Portsmouth, 30 Nov., 1726.
- 101 v Stephen^s Dexter, b. in Portsmouth, 9 April, 1728.
- 102 vi William^s Dexter, b. in Portsmouth, 1 July, 1730.
- 103 vii Mary^s Dexter, b. in Portsmouth, 16 Dec., 1734; m. Noah Sprague, Jr., 28 Nov., 1756.

49

Mary^d Dexter, daughter of Stephen^s [William^s, Thomas^d] and Ann [Saunders] Dexter, was born 24 Aug., 1696; married Samuel Cheard.

Children :

- 104 i David^s Cheard, b. before 1729.
- 105 ii Elizabeth^s Cheard, b. before 1729.

53

Ann⁴ Dexter, daughter of Stephen³ [William², Thomas¹] and Ann [Saunders] Dexter, was born 3 March, 1703; married John⁵ Williams before 1729.

One child:

- 107 i Ann⁵ Williams, b. before 1729.

60

Philip⁴ Dexter, son of Philip³ [William², Thomas¹] and Alice [Allen] Dexter, was born in Falmouth; married Tamer Chadwick, 19 Jan., 1752.

One child:

- 108 i Joseph⁵ Dexter, b. 22 March, 1753.

61

Jabez⁴ Dexter, son of Philip³ [William², Thomas¹] and Alice [Allen] Dexter, was born in Falmouth, Mass.; married Mary Dexter, daughter of James³ Dexter. He was constable in 1738; was called yeoman; was on jury 1753.

- 109 i Alice⁵ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 9 Nov., 1715; d. 1 Sept., 1746.
 110 ii Abigail⁵ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 6 Nov., 1717; m. Nathaniel Snow, 8 Sept., 1774.
 111 iii William⁵ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 14 May, 1719.
 112 iv Sarah⁵ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 19 Feb., 1720; d. 25 Aug., 1721.
 113 v James⁵ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 18 July, 1722; d. 11 June, 1723.
 114 vi Seth⁵ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 17 Feb., 1723; m. Mary Kirby, 21 May, 1753.
 115 vii Elizabeth⁵ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 15 June, 1725; m. Isaac Stephens, 26 Nov., 1747.
 116- viii Jabez⁵ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 11 May, 1728; m. Patience Hammond, 7 Nov., 1751.

- 117 ix Thankful⁵ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 20 March, 1729.
 118 x Elnathan⁵ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 17 June, 1732; m. Mercy
 Snow, 26 Feb., 1758; d. before Feb., 1759.
 119 xi Mary⁵ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 20 May, 1734; d. 1761. (See will.)

Also mentioned in their will a daughter Hannah who was living in 1759, and a son Jonathan, deceased.

Will of Mary⁵ Dexter, the daughter of Jabez and Mary Dexter of Rochester, made January, 1761; allowed June, 1761:

Being sick with wasting sickness, etc., I give to my beloved brother, Jabez Dexter, all my right and title to the estate belonging to me in town of Rochester, or which I am lawful heir of, wherever the same may be, to be his and his heirs forever.

I give to my brother Jabez my sidesaddle, wearing clothes and apparel, also a chest and a chest of drawers belonging to me.

I appoint my brother Jabez my executor.

Mary (her X mark) Dexter.

Ephraim Dexter,	}	Witnesses.
Benj. Bowls,		
Joshua Snow,		

Will of Jabez⁴ and Mary Dexter of Rochester, Mass., made 27 Feb., 1759:

1st. We give our son William one shilling.

2nd. We give to our son Jabez all the land we are possessed of where he now dwelleth as it is laid out upon record. To him and his heirs forever.

3rd. We give our grandchild Elnathan, the child of our deceased son Jonathan, twenty acres of land, in French meadow, to be set off to him by east and west lines at north end of homestead if he lives to the age of 21 years.

4th. We give to our daughter Mercy, the widow of our deceased son Elnathan, the liberty and use of our southeast room during her widowhood, and liberty to cut firewood and a privilege of apples for her own use.

5th. We give to our daughter Mary the privilege of living in our north-easterly room so long as she shall remain single; also we give said daughter Mary one bed and bedding and other conveniences for housekeeping, and firewood cut and drawn to the door; also the improvement of half the little orchard.

6th. We give to our daughter Thankful £10.

7th. We give to our three daughters, Hannah, Abigail and Elizabeth, one shilling each.

Sth. We give to our son Seth our whole homestead excepting what is set off as above; also our stock and outdoor movables, upon condition of his fulfilling the aforementioned articles, and supporting us, his parents, during our natural lives.

We give to our son Seth one-half lot of salt meadows at Pine Island, and also appoint him to be our executor.

Feb. 27, 1759.

Approved, 1773.

Jabez Dexter.

Mary Dexter.

72

Gershom¹ Dexter, son of John² [William², Thomas¹] and Sarah [] Dexter, was born 5 Jan., 1703. He married (1) Ruth Shrive of Portsmouth, R. I., 14 Jan., 1738-9; she was the daughter of John, Jr., and Mary (Soule) Shrive, and was born 20 July, 1715. He married (2) Mehitable Bolls, 1755.

They had five children, born in Rochester:

- 120^v i Joshua² Dexter, b. in Rochester, 24 May, 1756; m. Thankful Dexter, 30 Dec., 1782.
- 121 ii Deborah² Dexter, b. in Rochester, 5 April, 1758.
- 122 iii Patience² Dexter, b. in Rochester, 15 March, 1761.
- 123^u iv Philip² Dexter, b. in Rochester, 15 Jan., 1763; d. Nov., 1832; m. Patience Randall, 28 Dec., 1786.
- 124 v Elizabeth² Dexter, b. in Rochester, 9 June, 1766.

78

John¹ Dexter, son of John² [William², Thomas¹] and Sarah [] Dexter, was born 16 Dec., 1727. He married Sarah Handy, 11 Dec., 1746. She died 15 Oct., 1809.

They had ten children, born in Rochester:

- 125 i Hannah² Dexter, b. 1 Feb., 1747; m. Nicholas Snow, 8 Dec., 1768.
- 126^v ii John² Dexter, b. 16 Sept., 1749; m. Rebecca Hillis, 9 March, 1777.
- 127 iii Elenor² Dexter, b. 29 Oct., 1751.
- 128^u iv Silas² Dexter, b. 9 Oct., 1753; m. Elenor Bumpes, 25 Oct., 1778.

- 129 v Sarah^d Dexter, b. 12 Jan., 1756.
 130 vi Ruth^d Dexter, b. 22 Feb., 1758; no family.
 131* vii David^d Dexter, b. 17 June, 1760; d. 11 Sept., 1854; m. Mary Butler, 1 April, 1780.
 132* viii Jonathan^d Dexter, b. 7 Sept., 1762; d. 9 Nov., 1841; m. (1) Hannah Church, (2) Dolly White, 1800.
 133+ ix Reuben^d Dexter, b. 26 Jan., 1765; d. 3 April, 1846; m. (1) Mary Tobey, (2) Anna Tobey, 1791.
 134 x Nathan^d Dexter, b. 2 May, 1767; d. 8 Feb., 1801; m. Rahama Hathaway, d. 22 May, 1805; one dau., Bethiah^d Dexter, b. 12 March, 1800; m. John Martin.

79

Noah^d Dexter, son of Benjamin^d [William^d, Thomas^d] and Sarah [Arnold] Dexter, was born 26 March, 1697. He married Epiphany Hammett, and died 1755, leaving property to value of £800 to wife and children as follows: A committee comprising Joseph Barlow, Benj. Hammond, George Barlow, Nathan Hammond and Noah Sprague set off the wife dower, viz., eighteen acres, which was laid out to Noah in 1744, also a wood lot of five acres, also two acres of saltmarsh, also the great room in the low part of the dwelling, and that only with the liberty of a way out from the north door west to the land first set off, and room to lay wood near north door and to draw water at the well, reserving liberty to bake in the oven for such as may live in the chambers. The oldest son, Edward, had two-sixths of the remainder of the land, and all of the dwelling except that set off to the widow. He also purchased the share of Reuben. Benjamin had one-sixth of land set off to him and Jedidah and Jane, each had one-sixth to them. This was done July 20, 1756.

Children:

- 135+ i Edward^d Dexter, b. in Rochester, 13 Sept., 1730; m. Annie —, 1755; (2) Mary Babcock.
 136 ii Reuben^d Dexter, b. in Rochester, 11 July, 1732.
 137+ iii Benjamin^d Dexter, b. in Rochester, 25 Sept., 1734; m. Priscilla Benson, 19 Oct., 1756.

- 138 iv Jedidah^c Dexter, b. in Rochester, 25 Dec., 1738; m. Seth Hathaway of Dartmouth, 1767.
 139 v Jane^c Dexter, b. in Rochester, 5 Jan., 1749; m. — Benson.

80

James¹ Dexter, son of Benjamin² [William², Thomas¹] and Sarah [Arnold] Dexter, born 27 July, 1698; died Dec. 11, 1775. He married, 29 May, 1723, Lois Sherman of Marshfield; she was born 1690; died 1780.

They had five children, all born in Rochester. He left his property to wife, and after her decease to daughter Sarah and grandchildren, so it would seem that his sons and other daughters must have died before he did. He received some of his property from his Grandfather Arnold's estate, as the following note will show:

"1720. Sarah Arnold, wife of Samuel; Samuel Arnold; John Hammond and wife Mary; John Bourne and wife Elizabeth; Benjamin Dexter and wife Sarah, release all their right to forty acres of land and deed the same to James Dexter, singleman, for divers years of service for Sarah Arnold, his grandmother, since the death of her husband, Rev. Samuel Arnold."

He was fence viewer in 1740, 1743, 1744, 1756; was on grand jury 1742, 1762, and on jury 1740.

Children:

- 140 i Thomas^c Dexter, b. in Rochester, 25 Sept., 1725.
 141 ii Lois^c Dexter, b. in Rochester, 31 Jan., 1727; d. 1748; m. Richard Church, 27 Nov., 1746. One son, Charles Church.
 142 iii Jean^c Dexter, b. in Rochester, 9 March, 1729.
 143 iv James^c Dexter, Jr., b. in Rochester, 1730; d. 1767.
 144 v Sarah^c Dexter, b. in Rochester, 12 Dec., 1732; m. Stephen Perry, 20 Nov., 1755.

Will of James¹ Dexter of Rochester.

I give to my beloved wife, Lois, one-third of all the profits of my estate, both real and personal, during her natural life, and at her death my will is that what I give to her shall descend to the heirs of my daughter, Sarah

Perry. Two-thirds to the male heirs and one-third to the female heirs of my said daughter, to be to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

I also give to my said wife one good feather bed and furniture, to be to her, her heirs forever.

I give to my grandson, Charles Church, son of my daughter, Lois Church, deceased, to him, his heirs and assigns forever, that lot of land I own lying near Seth Snow's in Rochester, laid out to me in 1748. I also give to my grandson, Charles Church, £100, in lieu of what will come to him by heirship in his uncle's, James Dexter, deceased, estate, to be paid him by my executor on condition that said Church doth quit-claim his claim to the aforesaid estate and give a deed of it to my grandson, Thomas Perry, son of my daughter Sarah; but if he refuse to deed said property, then I direct my executors to pay him £14 13s. 4d. in eighteen months after my decease, this to be in lieu of the £100 also on his refusal as aforesaid. My will is that my grandson, Thomas Perry, have the sum of £15 6s. paid to him on his arrival at age of 21.

I give my son-in-law, Stephen Perry, the same, to be his, his heirs and assigns forever, that lot of land and orchard known as the "Old Orchard;" also I give him my negro man named Cezar; the said Cezar to do choirs for my widow as needs and necessity require.

I give to my grandson, James Perry, son of Sarah, the same to be his, his heirs and assigns forever, all the salt meadow I own at a place called Occot in Rochester.

I give to my daughter, Sarah Perry, the wife of Stephen Perry, all my estate, both real and personal, whatsoever that I have not given away otherwise by this will, to be to her during her natural life, and also the improvement thereon to her husband, Stephen Perry, during his life, or until his marriage with another woman, and after her death and his inter-marriage two-thirds, to be equally divided between the male children that my daughter may have by husband Perry, and one-third to the female children that she may have, to be theirs, their heirs forever.

In case my daughter shall lose her husband and shall marry and have other children, my will is that each child shall have £13 6s. 8d., to be paid to them on their arrival at age 21 years by the children of my daughter by Perry, the male children paying two-thirds and the female children paying one-third.

I appoint Stephen Perry, my son-in-law, as my executor.

Dated 31 Jan., 1774.

James Dexter. [X]

Joseph Hammond,
Seth Blackwell
Tisdale Winslow,

Property valued £1396 10s. 1d.
Probated 1 Jan., 1776.

81

Benjamin¹ Dexter, son of Benjamin² [William², Thomas¹] and Sarah [Arnold] Dexter, was born 4 March, 1700; died 1738. He married Hannah Barrow, 8 June, 1721; had six children, born in Rochester, Mass. He died 1738 leaving all young children, and Ebenezer Barlow was appointed guardian of the children. Was one of petitioners to have part of town where they lived set off into a precinct in 1735. He was constable in 1735 and 1736; was one of jury in 1734.

Children:

- 145 i Peleg² Dexter, b. 16 April, 1722; m. Catherine Cosby, 14 Feb., 1743.
- 146 ii Jonathan² Dexter, b. 30 April, 1724; m. (1) Hannah ———, (2) Philippa Vincent.
- 147 iii Enoch² Dexter, b. 6 March, 1726; m. Jedidah Morse, 7 Sept., 1755. She died 1787. No children.
- 148 iv Ebenezer² Dexter, b. 6 Aug., 1728.
- 149 v Joseph² Dexter, b. 27 Feb., 1731.
- 150 vi Isaac² Dexter, b. 19 July, 1734.

83

Josiah¹ Dexter, son of Benjamin² [William², Thomas¹] and Sarah [Arnold] Dexter, was born 12 Nov., 1704; married Abigail Dexter 13 Nov., 1740, and had seven children. He was constable in 1743. He was a farmer and cordwainer in 1746. He recorded the following as the distinguishing mark for his cattle: "Slit in top of left ear; half penny cut out of each side of same; crop cut off the top of right ear." The inventory of his estate in 1769 was, personal estate, £200; real estate, £240.

Children:

- 151 i Benjamin² Dexter, b. 19 Dec., 1741; d. 15 Feb., 1790; m. Mary Hathaway, 29 Sept., 1774.
- 152 ii Philip² Dexter, b. 5 Jan., 1743.

- 153 iii Paul^d Dexter, b. 20 Dec., 1745; d. 8 April, 1746.
 154 iv Hannah^d Dexter, b. 26 Nov., 1747.
 155^a v David^d Dexter, b. 9 Nov., 1749; d. 30 Dec., 1826; m. Sarah
 Allen, 5 Nov., 1779.
 156 vi Alice^d Dexter, b. 29 July, 1751; d. 8 July, 1752.
 157 vii Jonathan^d Dexter, b. 20 Aug., 1753.

84

Constant^d Dexter, son of Benjamin^d [William^d, Thomas^d] and Sarah [Arnold] Dexter, was born 27 Nov., 1706; died 1756. He married Meribah Dilloway 1731, and had nine children, born in Rochester. He sold land to his brothers, Benjamin and Josiah, in 1733. He was on jury 1739.

Children:

- 158 i Betty^d Dexter, b. 19 March, 1733.
 159 ii Meribah^d Dexter, b. 16 Jan., 1735; m. 16 March, 1758, Joseph
 Child of Barnstable.
 160 iii Drusilla^d Dexter, b. 12 March, 1737.
 161 iv Sarah^d Dexter, b. 28 Jan., 1739.
 162 v Nathan^d Dexter, b. 8 Feb., 1741.
 163^a vi Isaac^d Dexter, b. 13 June, 1744.
 164 vii Thomas^d Dexter, b. 7 March, 1745.
 165 viii Stephen^d Dexter, b. 3 Jan., 1747.
 166^a ix Gideon^d Dexter, b. 29 June, 1750; m. Mary _____.

Will of Constant Dexter:

In the name of God amen I Constant Dexter of Rochester in Co. of Plymouth in New England, Yeoman being enlisted in the expedition against Crown Point, sensible of the uncertainty of life Do make this my last Will & Testament.

I desire to commit myself & my family into the mercyfull Band of Almighty God, earnestly pray for his protection over us, his guidance of us and his blessing upon us through the course of each of our lives that we may behave thro' our lives here that we may be all made partakers of his eternal favors and mercies in the world to come thro' Jesus Christ our Lord.

As touching my outward estate I do hereby give and bequeath the whole thereof of both real & personal estate to my beloved wife Meribah for her use & improvement so long as she shall be my widow Hereby granting to my

said wife full power after my debts are paid to divide the remainder of estate among my children Betty, Meribah, Drusilla, Sarah, Nathan, Isaac, Thomas, Stephen & Gideon in such manner as she shall think best, but if my wife should be taken away without making any division or settlement of my estate among my children, my will is that my real estate be equally divided among my five sons and what remains of my moveable estate be equally divided among my daughters.

I hereby make my Wife & my son Nathan my executors.

Signed 9th of June 1756.

Constant Dexter. [X]

Geo. Barlow,)
Israel Hamond,) Witnesses.
Benj. Hammond,)

85

Samuel¹ Dexter, son of Benjamin² [William², Thomas¹] and Sarah [Arnold] Dexter, was born in Rochester, Mass., 14 Dec., 1708. He spent his early life in that place, and on 18 May, 1732, was married to Mary Clark by Rev. Timothy Ruggles. He remained there until after 1734, for two of his children, Joseph and Samuel, were born there. He moved from there to Hardwick, and then in 1736 he was at Athol, where his son Ichabod was born; but he must have returned to Hardwick, for the records give the births of the remaining children at Hardwick.

While Samuel was not one of the first grantees of Athol, he was one of the very early settlers, coming there the beginning of the second year. The five families that came the first year, September, 1735, were Richard Morton, Ephraim Smith, Samuel Morton, John Smeed and Joseph Lord. Those that came the second year, spring of 1736, were Aaron Smith, Samuel Dexter, Noah Morton, Robert Young, Robert Marble, Nathaniel and Eleazer Graves and William, John, James and Robert Oliver.

The Indians troubled the settlers so much that many of them left this locality for a more secure place, and it may be that Samuel removed to Hardwick and remained there from 1740 to 1753, but in the deeds of land which he sold in

1743, 1745, 1753 and 1759, his residence is given as Paquoag (Athol). He was called husbandman, and must have been a man of considerable property for those times.

In September, 1743, he sold fifty acres of land on West Hill to Jason Babcock. (This is the Babcock who was captured by the Indians in 1746 and carried off to Canada, but who was afterwards redeemed and returned to Athol.) In October, 1743, he sold house lot No. 7, West Hill, to Thomas Hunter. In 1744 he bought of Jason Babcock two lots in Athol, being Nos. 6 and 14. In May, 1745, he sold thirty acres (lot No. 63, second division) near river to Ebenezer Davis. In March, 1753, he sold to his oldest son, Joseph (then of Hardwick), two lots, Nos. 14 and 15, in Athol. In 1755 he sold lot 53, a tract of land on both sides of Tully Brook, to Abraham Nutt. In 1759 he sold three tracts of land in Athol to his son, Ichabod Dexter. In 1775 was a member of the Committee of Correspondence.

Children:

- 167 i Joseph^s Dexter, b. in Rochester, 2 May, 1733. Was in Hardwick 1753; removed to Athol 1761; was field driver 1762.
- 168 ii Samuel^s Dexter, b. in Rochester, 13 Oct., 1734.
- 169 iii Ichabod^s Dexter, b. in Athol (?), 1736-7.
- 170 iv Job^s Dexter, b. in Hardwick, 8 March, 1740-1.
- 171 v Mary^s Dexter, b. in Hardwick, 11 July, 1743; m. Benjamin Morton.
- 172 vi Sarah^s Dexter, b. in Hardwick, 8 May, 1745; m. Solomon Johnson, 28 Dec., 1762.
- 173 vii Benjamin^s Dexter, b. in Hardwick, 17 Nov., 1747.

86

Ephraim⁴ Dexter, son of Benjamin³ [William², Thomas¹] and Sarah [Arnold] Dexter, was born in Rochester, 27 May, 1711. He was a yeoman, and resided in Rochester. He married (1) Martha Clark in 1735. She died, and 25 Nov., 1754, he married (2) Martha Waite. He died 1774. Will probated 1775; sons to be executors. (See will.)

Children, all by first wife:

- 174 i Ruth^d Dexter, b. in Rochester, 20 Dec., 1737; m. — Hatch.
 175 ii Alice^d Dexter, b. in Rochester, 28 March, 1740; d. 20 April, 1820.
 176 iii Ephraim^d Dexter, Jr., b. in Rochester, 31 Dec., 1741; d. 5 April, 1823; m. Kesiah^d Sober, 29 Dec., 1771.
 177 iv Abigail^d Dexter, b. in Rochester, 16 March, 1745; m. Joseph Cannon, 24 Nov., 1768.
 178 v Lois^d Dexter, b. in Rochester, 5 Dec., 1748; m. Timothy West, 27 August, 1768.
 179 vi Caleb^d Dexter, b. in Rochester, 13 April, 1751; d. 3 Oct., 1831.

The will of Ephraim Dexter (October 10, 1774):

In the name of God Amen, I Ephraim Dexter of Rochester in the County of Plymouth in the Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England, yeoman, calling to mind the uncertainty of Life do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, and first of all I do freely resign my soul to God who gave it, and my body I commit to the dust to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor, and Touching the worldly Interest wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me, I dispose of it in the manner following viz.—

Impriz: To my faithful and beloved wife Martha I give and bequeath one third part of the improvement of all my real estate during her natural life, also the use of one-third part of all my out-door personal estate during the said term. Also the use of an horse to ride when she pleases and furthermore I give her all my household furniture as her own property to use and dispose of as she thinks proper.—

Item: To my dutiful daughter, Ruth Hatch, I give that piece of land joining to Jabez Dexter, David Randall, Solomon Young, Timothy West and Jonathan Sturtevant, also twenty acres upon the north part of my lot lying upon Perry's Swamp. Also one quarter part of a lot of Cedar Swamp originally part of doty's share and which was left to me by my Hon^d Father, all which I bequeath to my said daughter Ruth, her heirs and assigns forever, reserving to my wife the improvement of one-third as above-mentioned.

Item: Bequeath to my dutifull daughter Alice Meggs to her her heirs and assigns forever one-third part of the lot which I bought of Jonathan Burnell of Nantucket, to be taken on the north side of said lot, also one quarter of the Cedar swamps above mentioned reserving to my wife one-third of the improvement as above provided.

Item: I give and bequeath to my dutiful daughter Abigail Cannon, and to her heirs and assigns forever one-third part of the aforesd lot which I bought of William Burnell to be taken off the Southerly side of said lot joining upon the road which goes from Ebenezer Meggs's to

Mattapt Meeting House. Also one quarter part of the aforementioned cedar swamp excepting the improvement of a third as above.

Item:—To my dutifull daughter, Lois West, I give my beloved, the other third of the lot which I bought of Wm Burnell also the improvement of the aforementioned cedar swamp, all which (excepting the residue of the said wife) I give to my said daughter to her heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly:—To my two dutifull sons Ephraim and Caleb I give the residue of my estate of whatever nature, to be equally divided between them, obliging them to pay equally my funeral charges & all debts which I may owe at my decease, obliging them also to keep a good horse and beast for my beloved wife for her to ride on when she thinks proper.

Also I appoint my two sons Executors of this my last Will and Testament, all others I do constitute this to be my last Will and Testament. In testimony of which I do hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four.

Ephraim Dexter. Seal.

In presence of
Ebenazar Cannon,
Justice White,
Isiah Dexter.

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Seth² Dexter, son of Benjamin—William, Thomas—and Sarah [Arnold] Dexter, was born 3 Oct., 1718. He was a clothier. He died 6 April, 1793, aged 75. He married Elizabeth —; she was born 1718; died 13 Oct., 1793. He was executor of his brother James' estate in 1775; inv., £1396 10s. 1d. He was one of the Committee on Correspondence before the War of Revolution, 1772-3. "In 1777 he with two others were a committee to supply families of soldiers who are in the army." He was a deacon. He was town clerk in 1750, 1751, 1752, 1753, 1755, 1756. See will.

They had nine children:

- 180 i. Seth³ Dexter, b. 28 Dec., 1743; m. Deborah Haskins,
- 181 ii. Elizabeth³ Dexter, b. 5 June, 1745; m. Ebenezer Clark, Jr., 7 Jan., 1764.
- 182 iii. Prince³ Dexter, b. 12 June, 1747. Not mentioned in father's will, 1791.
- 183 iv. Elijah³ Dexter, b. 22 Feb., 1749.

- 184 v David^r Dexter, b. 30 Sept., 1751. Not mentioned in father's will, 1791.
- 185 vi Thomas^s Dexter, b. 22 Aug., 1753; d. 1753.
- 186 vii Joanna^s Dexter, b. 26 July, 1754; m. John Gibbs, Jr., 13 Nov., 1777.
- 187 viii Constant^r Dexter, b. 12 Nov., 1756; d. Oct., 1785. No family.
- 188 ix Thankful^r Dexter, b. 19 Aug., 1759; m. Zebulon Haskall, 3 Feb., 1782.

I Seth Dexter of Rochester, Clothier, being of advanced age &c—

I To my beloved wife Elizabeth I give all my personal est. except only the Money & notes of hand that may be due at my decease, & so much of that as may be necessary with the improvements of my R E for her comfortable support & passage through life also I give her the use & improv of all my real Estate during her life except what I here in otherwise dispose of—

I give to my son Seth Dexter my House & land that formerly was owned by Thomas Haskall or so much money as that will fetch is sold also $\frac{1}{2}$ half of my wearing apparell & my "Willard's Body of Divinity"

I give to my son Elijah Dexter my Corn Mill & Saw Mill with the usual part of the stream & dam together with all the land I own on the easterly side of mill stream with half a lot of land I own at the head of the Mill pond—also the Salt meadow I own on Charles Neck also my Pew in the Meeting house & excepting one half a lot of land I own below parlows, to come into possession after his mothers decease—also I give to said Elijah $\frac{1}{2}$ my wearing apparell all the above to be his, his heirs and assigns.

I give to my daughter Elizabeth Clark 18£—together with one half of the moveable estate that my Widow doth not dispose of & is left at her decease

I give to my dau Joanna Gibbs 18£ together with the other half of the moveable estate that is not disposed of as above—

I give to my Grand children, sons of my dau—Thankful Haskall the one half of my homestead lands & buildings I own near the westerly side of Mill river, together with half the fulling mill, the one half & the usual part of the Stream & dam & one half the lot of land I own below the Parlow's & at the head of the mill pond—to be to them forever.

I give to my son in law Zebulon Haskall the other half of my homestead, Lands, building & fulling mill &c—during his natural life and after his decease to descend to my two grand children to be divided between them, if either of them decease under lawful age then to be to the surviving child to him or them their heirs and assigns.

The use & improvement of all the above estate to be for the support & maintenance of my Widow during her Natural life & not to come into possession until after her decease

I appoint my Son Elijah Dexter & Zebulon Haskull Exr

22 Nov 1791

Approved 22 May 1793

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Seth^d Dexter, son of Jabez^d (Philip^d, William^d, Thomas^d and Mary | | Dexter, was born 17 Feb., 1723. He married Mary Kirby, 21 May, 1753.

They had seven children, born in Rochester:

- 189 i Jabez^d Dexter, b. 10 Aug., 1758; d. 14 Jan., 1811; m. Rachel Randall.
- 190 ii Elias^d Dexter, b. | | ; d. 15 Dec., 1821; m. Mercy Simpson, 1 Dec., 1796.
- 191 iii Elizabeth^d Dexter, b. ---; d. 18 March, 1827; m. | |.
- 192 iv Elisha^d Dexter, b. April, 1765; d. 14 Jan., 1834; m. Eunice Bowles.
- 193 v Sarah^d Dexter, b. 2 Sept., 1755; d. 8 August, 1833; m. Josiah Macomber.
- 194 vi Mary^d Dexter, b. ---; m. Charles Ellis.
- 195 vii Isaiah^d Dexter, b. 31 Dec., 1752; m. Mary Davis, 29 Oct., 1775.

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Jabez^d Dexter, son of Jabez^d (Philip^d, William^d, Thomas^d and Mary Dexter, was born 11 May, 1728; married Patience Hammond, 7 Nov., 1751.

One son:

- 196 i Rufus^d Dexter, b. in Rochester, 3 Sept., 1762.

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Joshua^d Dexter, son of Gershom^d (John^d, William^d, Thomas^d and Mehitabel (Bolls) Dexter, was born 24 May, 1756; married Thankful Dexter, 30 Dec., 1782.

Two children:

- 197 i Abigail^e Dexter, b. in Rochester, 16 Nov., 1786.
 198 ii Hannah^e Dexter, b. in Rochester, 22 June, 1789.

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Philip⁵ Dexter, son of Gershom⁴ [John³, William², Thomas¹] and Mehitabel [Bolls] Dexter, was born 15 Jan., 1763; died 18 Nov., 1832; married Patience Randall, 28 Dec., 1786. Philip was a farmer and the record says he marked his cattle the same as his grandfather, John Dexter, did, viz.: "A slit in the end of the left ear and a half penny underside of the right ear." This was entered for record 7 Jan., 1794.

One child:

- 199 i Betsey^e Dexter, b. in Rochester, 1788; d. 1866; m. Isaac Hathaway.

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John⁵ Dexter, son of John⁴ [John³, William², Thomas¹] and Sarah [Hardy] Dexter, was born 16 Sept., 1749. He married Rebecca Hiller on 9 March, 1777.

They had six children, born in Rochester, Mass.:

- 200 i Caleb^e Dexter, b. 23 May, 1779; d. 2 Oct., 1831. No family.
 201 ii Jonathan^e Dexter, b. 14 March, 1781; d. 4 March, 1860. No family.
 202 iii Charles^e Dexter, b. July, 1782; m. Hannah Snow, 3 March, 1808.
 203 iv Bethuel^e Dexter, b. 20 July, 1784; d. 13 Dec., 1855; m. Jane Blankenship, 24 July, 1807. No family.
 204 v Desire^e Dexter, b. 9 Dec., 1786; d. 4 Sept., 1864; m. Ebenezer Bolls.
 205 vi Zonth^e Dexter, b. 15 July, 1795; d. 16 Jan., 1875; m. (1) Betsey ———; (2) Alice Holmes, 24 Dec., 1846. No family.

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Silas² Dexter, son of John¹ [John¹, William², Thomas³ and Sarah [Handy] Dexter, was born 9 Oct., 1753; married Elenor Bumpes, 25 Oct., 1778.

206 i. Oliver² Dexter, b. 12 Sept., 1779.

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David² Dexter, son of John¹ [John¹, William², Thomas³ and Sarah [Handy] Dexter, was born 17 June, 1760; died 14 Sept., 1854; married Mary Butler, 11 April, 1782.



DAVID DEXTER,
94 yrs. 2 mos. 17 days.

The following is a sketch furnished by his granddaughter:

David Dexter, born in Rochester, Mass., June 17, 1760, enlisted in June, 1776, being then a boy of sixteen, to serve as private in the Revolutionary Army, under Captain Turner, his Colonel being Marshall. He took the place of an older brother, who had a family and who was drafted.

He married Mary Butler, born in Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard, July 15, 1755. She was the eldest child of Thomas and Rebecca (Butler) Butler. The date of this marriage was April 11, 1780, during which year he served six months more in the army under Captain Lee and Colonel Groaton.

He was present at the hanging of Andre at Tappan-on-the-Hudson, October 2, 1780. Avery J. Dexter remembered hearing his grandfather tell of the execution, and that Washington was present and cried like a child. He said: "Grandfather would tell it over while the tears would run down his cheek."

David Dexter, with his younger brother Jonathan, born in Rochester, Mass., Sept. 7, 1762, came to Vermont in 1783, and lived on Newfane Hill, while making a home in the wilderness of what was then Wardshoro, afterward Dover. Here David's first child Charles was born, October 3, 1783.

When the log house was ready the family was moved in, following blazed trees to the new home.

Jonathan, who married Hannah Church of Newfane, cleared up the adjoining farm, afterwards known as the Colonel Woods farm. There is no record of this marriage, but the first child, Reuben, was born October 9, 1788. In an old burial-place in Wardshoro, may be seen this inscription: "Mrs. Hannah, wife of Mr. Jonathan Dexter, died May 29, 1800, in the 38th year of her age."

David, in the early days, used to come out to Newfane Hill and work for Captain Kenny, taking his pay in corn, which was ground in a mill near by, the foundation stones of which may be seen near the outlet of Kenny Pond. Taking the bag of meal on his back, David would retrace his way through the forest by marked trees.

Ruth Dexter, a sister of David and Jonathan, came later from "Old Rochester" and lived some years with her brother Jonathan in the south part of Wardshoro. She was born Feb. 22, 1758, in Rochester, Mass., and died in Wardshoro.

- 207* i Charles^d Dexter, b. 3 Oct., 1783; d. 29 Sept., 1852; m. Lucinda Bascom, 5 Feb., 1788.
- 208 ii Mary^e Dexter, b. 29 Dec., 1784; d. 16 Sept., 1862; m. Henry Underwood, 23 April, 1812.
- 209 iii Nathan^d Dexter, b. 16 Sept., 1786; d. 22 April, 1866; m. ——— Park, 2 May, 1810.
- 210 iv John^d Dexter, b. 1 March, 1788; d. 18 Feb., 1858.
- 211 v David^d Dexter, b. 20 April, 1790; d. 6 Jan., 1871.
- 212 vi Daniel^d Dexter, b. 30 May, 1792; d. 30 May, 1862; m. (1) Hadassah Johnson, 1824; (2) Roxahana Johnson, 24 Dec., 1829.
- 213* vii Silas^d Dexter, b. 6 Dec., 1794; d. 7 April, 1850; m. (1) Irene Hall, 1826; (2) Maria Taylor, 10 Jan., 1833. He was Representative in 1831-3.

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Jonathan⁵ Dexter, son of John⁴ [John³], William², Thomas¹ and Sarah [Handy] Dexter, was born 7 Sept., 1762; died 9 Nov., 1841; married (1) Hannah Church; (2) Dolly White, 11 Nov., 1800.

He had six children by first wife and eight by second wife:

- 214 i Reuben⁶ Dexter, b. in Wardsboro, Vt., 9 Oct., 1788.
- 215 ii Hannah⁶ Dexter, b. in Wardsboro, Vt., 20 Nov., 1790; d. 25 Oct., 1865; m. Warren Wood.
- 216 iii Eleanor⁶ Dexter, b. 10 Nov., 1791; d. 14 April, 1867; m. Lewis Lamb, 23 Dec., 1819.
- 217⁺ iv Jonathan M.⁶ Dexter, b. 26 April, 1798; m. Harriet Morse.
- 218 v Sally⁶ Dexter.
- 219 vi Dolly⁶ Dexter, b. 1796; d. 1806.
- 220 vii Deborah⁶ Dexter, b. 20 Sept., 1801; d. 8 Oct., 1828.
- 221⁺ viii Oliver⁶ Dexter, b. 11 Dec., 1802; d. 5 April, 1882; m. Louisa Preston, 14 Sept., 1830.
- 222 ix Joseph H.⁶ Dexter, b. 27 May, 1804; d. 6 Nov., 1806.
- 223 x Silvia⁶ Dexter, b. 9 Aug., 1807; d. 23 Sept., 1810.
- 224 xi Sarah H.⁶ Dexter, b. 23 May, 1809; m. Hiram Hawley.
- 225⁺ xii Joseph W.⁶ Dexter, b. 14 April, 1811; m. Mary F. Morse, 11 Nov., 1834.
- 226⁺ xiii Linus W.⁶ Dexter, b. 24 May, 1813; m. Caroline Carpenter.
- 227 xiv Silvia⁶ Dexter, b. 12 Oct., 1814; d. 10 Nov., 1846; m. W. H. Mansfield.

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Reuben⁵ Dexter, son of John⁴ [John³], William², Thomas¹ and Sarah [Handy] Dexter, was born 26 Jan., 1765; died 3 April, 1846; married (1) Mary Tobey, 1787; (2) Anna Tobey, 1791.

Seven children, all by second wife:

- 228 i Leonard⁶ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 1 April, 1797; d. 26 Sept., 1867. No children.
- 229⁺ ii Anne⁶ Dexter, b. 11 July, 1799; d. 5 Dec., 1867; m. Abner Hall, 4 Nov., 1819.

- 230 iii Nathan⁶ Dexter, b. 2 July, 1801; d. 7 Oct., 1826. Not married.
 231 iv Susannah P.⁶ Dexter, b. 3 April, 1803; d. 24 Jan., 1888. Not married.
 232 v Charissa⁶ Dexter, b. 25 May, 1805; d. 23 March, 1867; m. Edward Buell, 31 July, 1834.
 233 vi Mary⁶ Dexter, b. 4 Feb., 1808; d. 23 July, 1896; m. Nathan Barstow, 27 Dec., 1829.
 234² vii Caroline⁶ Dexter, b. 14 March, 1814; d. 2 July, 1856; m. Daniel Smith, 1 Jan., 1840.

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Edward⁷ Dexter, son of Noah¹ [Benjamin², William², Thomas¹] and Epipheny [Clark] Dexter, was born 13 Sept., 1730; died 1798; married (1) Annie ———, 1755; (2) Mary Babcock. At death of father the land was divided between the boys and the personal property among the girls. The son Edward was executor. He was tithing-man 1792.

Will of Edward Dexter:

16 Aug. 1795

In the name of God amen I Edward Dexter of Rochester in the county of Plymouth yeoman—Do make & ordain this my last will & testament, my soul I commit to God, & my body I would have interred in a decent Christian manner & my earthly estate I would dispose of in the manner following—viz—

Whereas I am possessed of two pieces of land which are divided from each other by land belonging to Ebenezer Cannon, it is my will that all which lies on the westerly side of said land of Ebenezer Cannon shall be the property of my dutiful son Edward obliging him to pay all my just debts, funeral charges, he having all debts due me and all my land, meadow &c lying on the east side of the land of said Ebenezer Cannon shall be the property of my dutiful son Samuel—

And it is my will, that all my personal estate, be equally divided between my three daughters Eunice, Anna & Mary and I oblige Edward to provide for them Sufficient house room during their Single Estate.

I appoint Edward, my son, Sole Executor.

I do hereunto set my hand & seal 16 day Aug 1795—

Edward Dexter. [Seal]

Nat Cowin

Nathan Cannon

Lot Perkins—

Presented for Probate 9 Nov., 1798

Two children by first wife and six by second wife:

- 235 i Noah⁶ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 17 Oct., 1755; d. 1760.
- 236 ii Anna⁶ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 2 Jan., 1758; d. 1758.
- 237 iii Edward⁶ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 13 Nov., 1766; d. 1817.
- 238 iv Samuel⁶ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 30 Sept., 1773.
- 239 v Eunice⁶ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 1768.
- 240 vi James⁶ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 4 Oct., 1771; d. before 1795.
- 241 vii Anna⁶ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 10 Dec., 1778; m. David Austin.
- 242 viii Mary⁶ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 15 Dec., 1783; m. Gideon Dexter,
1804.

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Benjamin⁵ Dexter, son of Noah⁴ [Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ and Epiphany [Clark] Dexter, was born 25 Sept., 1734; died 1804; married Priscilla Benson, 19 Oct., 1756.

Nine children, born in Rochester:

- 243 i Experience⁶ Dexter, b. 15 Feb., 1757; m. Seth Bump.
- 244 ii Joseph⁶ Dexter, b. 3 July, 1759; m. Mary Luce, 1779.
- 245 iii Noah⁶ Dexter, b. 4 June, 1762; d. 25 April, 1816; m. Mary Delano, 1788.
- 246 vi Thankful⁶ Dexter, b. 21 Aug., 1764; m. Savery Clifton of Rochester.
- 247 v Epiphany⁶ Dexter, b. 25 April, 1767; m. Paul Hammond of Rochester.
- 248 vi Priscilla⁶ Dexter, b. 14 Jan., 1770; m. Israel Cowin of Rochester.
- 249 vii Jane⁶ Dexter, b. 5 Jan., 1773; m. David Mendell of Rochester.
- 250 viii Susanna⁶ Dexter, b. 26 May, 1775; m. Perez Coombs of Middleboro.
- 251 ix Benjamin⁶ Dexter, b. 18 July, 1778; d. 14 Sept., 1816; m. Ruth Delano, 1 Jan., 1797.

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Sarah⁵ Dexter, daughter of James⁴ [Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ and Lois [Sherman] Dexter, was born 12 Dec., 1732; married Stephen Perry, 20 Nov., 1755. Stephen and wife had land given them by James⁴.

Six children, born in Rochester, Mass. They had land left them by their grandfather James.

- 252 i James^c Perry, b. 22 March, 1758. Received land from his grandfather.
- 253 ii Elizabeth^c Perry, b. 31 July, 1760.
- 254 iii Thomas^c Perry, b. 3 June, 1761. Received money from his grandfather.
- 255 iv Louis (dan.)^c Perry, b. 12 Oct., 1763.
- 256 v Lucy^c Perry, b. 25 Feb., 1769.
- 257 vi Sarah^c Perry, b. 3 April, 1771.

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Peleg^b Dexter, son of Benjamin[†] | Benjamin[†], William[‡], Thomas[†] | and Hannah | Barrow | Dexter, was born 16 April, 1722; married Catherine Cosby, 19 Feb., 1743.

Three children, born in Rochester:

- 258 i John^c Dexter, b. 27 June, 1745; drowned 15 March, 1761, in N. S.
- 259 ii Elisha^c Dexter, b. 20 July, 1747; drowned 15 March, 1761, in N. S.
- 260 iii Jesse^c Dexter, b. 18 May, 1750; m. Widow Nickerson.

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Jonathan^b Dexter, son of Benjamin[†] | Benjamin[‡], William[‡], Thomas[†] | and Hannah | Barrow | Dexter, was born 30 April, 1724; married (1) Hannah Vincent; (2) Philippa Vincent.

One child:

- 261 i Isaac^c Dexter, b. at Dartmouth, Mass., 15 Oct., 1751; m. 3 July, 1776, Anna Foster, who was b. Chilmark, Mass., 29 June, 1756, dan. of Edward and Mary Foster. Edward Foster went to Liverpool, N. S., 1760 or '61, and was one of the original proprietors.

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Ebenezer^b Dexter, son of Benjamin[†] | Benjamin[†], William[‡], Thomas[†] | and Hannah | Barrow | Dexter, was born in

Rochester, 6 Aug., 1728; married Lydia Ryder (said to have been his cousin), 27 March, 1755. He was a farmer.

Fourteen children, born in Dartmouth, Mass.:

- 262 i Hannah^e Dexter, b. 15 Sept., 1756; d. in Nova Scotia, 24 Feb., 1783; m. James Nickerson, son of Eldad and Mary.
- 263 ii Benjamin^e Dexter, b. 23 March, 1758 (Rochester); d. 1787; m. Mary Harrington. Descendants live in Hants County, N. S. Son, Enos Dexter.
- 264 iii Rebecca^e Dexter, b. 10 May, 1760 (Rochester); m. 26 Dec., 1776, Stephen Gardner.
- 265 iv Lydia^e Dexter, b. 23 July, 1762 (Liverpool, N. S.); d. 1854; m. Jesse Nickerson.
- 266 v Elisha^e Dexter, b. 23 April, 1764 (Liverpool, N. S.); d. 19 May, 1765.
- 267 vi Ebenezer^e Dexter, b. 20 July, 1766 (Liverpool, N. S.); d. 1835; m. Azubah Godfrey.
- 268 vii Katherine^e Dexter, b. 1769; m. William Gardner, 4 Jan., 1789.
- 269 viii Enoch^e Dexter, b. 1771; d. 1831; m. Soloma Pindel, 10 Nov., 1794.
- 270 ix Samuel^e Dexter, b. 1773; m. Hannah Godfrey.
- 271 x Experience^e Dexter; m. (1) William Gardner; (2) Hampton Stokes, 27 August, 1800.
- 272 xi Ariedana^e Dexter; m. Nathaniel Cleveland.
- 273 xii Bertha^e Dexter; m. (1) John Furgers; (2) Joseph Woods, 6 Sept., 1792.
- 274 xiii Esther^e Dexter; m. Peter Frost, 22 Dec., 1796.
- 275 xiv Reuben^e Dexter; died young.

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Joseph^e Dexter, son of Benjamin¹ [Benjamin¹, William, Thomas¹] and Hannah [Barrow] Dexter, was born 27 Feb., 1731; married Azubah Godfrey.

Children, born in Nova Scotia:

- 276 i Son, b. 16 Feb., 1762.
- 277 ii Eunice^e Dexter, b. 17 July, 1763.
- 278 iii Rosana^e Dexter, b. 15 March, 1766.
- 279 iv Azubah^e Dexter, b. 30 April, 1768.
- 280 v Jediah^e Dexter, b. 19 June, 1790. For too much freedom of speech he had to flee to New England.

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Benjamin⁷ Dexter, son of Josiah⁴ [Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Abigail [Dexter] Dexter, was born 19 Dec., 1741; died 15 Feb., 1790; married Mary Hathaway, 29 Sept., 1774.

After the death of Benjamin⁵, George B. Nye of Rochester was appointed guardian for the four young children, Hannah, Benjamin, Josiah and Philip, they being under fourteen years of age.

Six children, born in Rochester:

- 281 i Sarah C⁷ Dexter, b. 12 Aug., 1780; d. 26 May, 1814.
- 282 ii Abigail⁶ Dexter, b. 4 Nov., 1777.
- 283 iii Hannah⁶ Dexter, b. 28 June, 1779.
- 284 iv Josiah⁶ Dexter, b. 14 June, 1781.
- 285 v Benjamin⁶ Dexter, b. 11 March, 1783.
- 286 vi Philip⁶ Dexter, b. 20 Aug., 1785.

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David⁷ Dexter, son of Josiah⁴ [Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Abigail [Dexter] Dexter, was born 9 Nov., 1749; died 22 Jan., 1827; married Sarah Allen, 5 Nov., 1779. He was a farmer, and the record says he marked his cattle with "two slits in the end of left ear." This is recorded 29 July, 1778.

Seven children, born in Rochester:

- 287 i Sarah C⁷ Dexter, b. 12 Aug., 1780; d. 26 May, 1814.
- 288 ii Jonathan⁶ Dexter, b. 22 Feb., 1782; d. 27 Feb., 1841; m. Mary Studley, 17 March, 1805.
- 289 iii Mariah⁶ Dexter, b. 23 Oct., 1784. No family.
- 290 iv Mercy⁶ Dexter, 24 March, 1788; d. 6 May, 1832. No family.
- 291 v E. Allen⁶ Dexter, b. 13 Jan., 1792; m. (1) Cynthia Pitcher, 11 March, 1834; (2) Martha Mayhew.
- 292 vi David⁶ Dexter, b. 26 Nov., 1794; d. 20 Nov., 1824.
- 293 vii Benjamin⁶ Dexter, b. 29 June, 1800; d. 24 Aug., 1827; m. Hannah Brownell, 1826. No children.

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Isaac⁵ Dexter, son of Constant¹ Benjamin, William, Thomas and Meribah [Dilloyay] Dexter, was born 13 June, 1744; died 15 Dec., 1804; married Kezia Wing.

Nine children, born in Wayne, Maine:

- 294 i (Deacon) Constant² Dexter, b. 9 Aug., 1767; d. 26 March, 1842; m. Rebecca Billington.
- 295 ii Nathaniel² Dexter.
- 296² iii Freeman² Dexter; d. 7 Dec., 1840; m. Polly Thurston.
- 297 iv (Rev.) Stephen² Dexter.
- 298 v Gideon² Dexter.
- 300² vi Isaac² Dexter, b. 18 Feb., 1783; d. 24 Aug., 1864; m. Sally Wing, 1803.
- 301² vii (Deacon) Amasa² Dexter, born 6 July, 1786; d. 30 August, 1874; m. Martha Burgess, 28 Oct., 1807.
- 302 viii Mersey² Dexter.
- 303 ix Meribah² Dexter.

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Gideon⁵ Dexter, son of Constant¹ Benjamin, William, Thomas¹] and Meribah [Dilloyay] Dexter, was born 29 Jan., 1759; married Mary - .

Two children:

- 304 i Joseph² Dexter, b. 12 July, 1774.
- 305 ii Gideon F.² Dexter, b. 21 Oct., 1781.

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Samuel⁵ Dexter, son of Samuel¹ Benjamin, William, Thomas and Mary [Clark¹] Dexter, was born in Rochester, 13 Oct., 1734. He went with his parents to Hardwick and Athol. He married 25 Nov., 1759, at Hardwick, Thankful, daughter of Deacon John Freeman. She was a descendant of

Elder William Brewster of "Mayflower" fame.* She died 20 May, 1811, aged 69. He married (2) Sebbelah (Sibyl), widow of Samuel Thurston, 26 Sept., 1811; she died 1849, aged 100 years.

They resided in Hardwick near the Barre line. He was one of the "minutemen" who marched to Cambridge in 1775, and in January, 1776, was Captain of a company stationed at "Roxbury Camp." He was afterwards involved politically in the Shays Rebellion, but was forgiven. He was a farmer, sold land in 1765 to Elisha Hedge, Jr., and to Ebenezer Lawrence the same year. He sold sixty-eight acres of land in Barre to his sons, Samuel and Jonathan, in 1811. He died 3 May, 1824, aged nearly 90 years.

He had eleven children, born in Hardwick:

- 306 i Benjamin⁶ Dexter, b. 17 March, 1760; d. 1792; m. Anna Mayo of Rutland, 10 Oct., 1784.
- 307 ii Mary⁶ Dexter, b. 18 Jan., 1763; m. John Gorham, 3 June, 1784.
- 308 iii Eleazar⁶ Dexter, b. 5 July, 1765; m. (1) Abigail Dexter, 8 April, 1784; (2) Charity Williams, June, 1786.
- 309 iv Mercy⁶ Dexter, b. 16 July, 1767; d. 14 March, 1774.
- 310 v Ichabod⁶ Dexter, b. 23 April, 1770; d. 5 March, 1774.
- 311 vi Samuel⁶ Dexter, b. 9 May, 1773; d. 1861; m. Sally Williams, 1796.
- 312 vii Seth⁶ Dexter, b. 5 March, 1775.
- 313 viii Jedediah⁶ Dexter, bapt. 26 Oct., 1777; d. 1827; m. Abigail Eager; she was b. 1778.
- 314 ix Susanna⁶ Dexter, bapt. 26 Sept., 1779.
- 315 x Thomas⁶ Dexter, bapt. 19 May, 1782.
- 316 xi Jonathan⁶ Dexter, b. about 1786; d. 1856; m. Roxana Dean, 1812.

*Edmund¹ Freeman of Lynn, 1635, was one of the grantors of Sandwich, 1637. He died in 1682. He had a wife Elizabeth. They had two sons, Edmund² and John². These sons married daughters of Governor Prentice and his wife Fear (Brewster) Prentice. Fear Brewster was daughter of Elder William Brewster, who was one of the most important men that started with the Pilgrims.

John² Freeman was Captain, 1675, in King Philip's War; was Major 1685; also deacon of church ten years; deputy at General Court seven years; judge of Court of Common Pleas after the union of Plymouth and Massachusetts. He was born in 1621; died in 1719. His widow died 29 Sept., 1711, aged 80.

John³ Freeman was born in 1651 and died in 1721. He married (1) Sarah, daughter of William Mirrick, 1672; (2) Mercy, widow of Captain Elkanah Watson, of Plymouth. They had eleven children.

John⁴ Freeman was born in 1678. He married Mercy, daughter of Captain Elkanah Watson, 1701. They had eleven children.

John⁵ Freeman was born 13 Aug., 1709. He married Joanna Rickett of Plymouth, 1730. He went to Rochester about 1723 and to Hardwick, where he died in 1804. His widow died 29 March, 1797, aged 87.

Thankful⁶ Freeman was born in 1741. She married Samuel Dexter as above. He died 20 May, 1811, age 69.

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Ichabod^d Dexter, son of Samuel^d [Benjamin^d, William^d, Thomas^d] and Mary [Clark^d] Dexter; was born in Athol, 24 June, 1737. He passed his early years in Athol and Hardwick. He learned the blacksmith trade, and according to tradition was in the French and Indian War, and was at the taking of old Fort Ticonderoga, when all the men in line on both sides of him were shot down, and his clothes were riddled with bullets, but none happened to draw blood. He and his brother Samuel were taken prisoners by the Indians, at one time, who started with them for Canada, but as they camped one night the brothers awoke and finding their captors were all asleep, they sent the whole company to the "happy hunting grounds" and started through the wilderness for home. They found it almost impossible to travel through the woods or to obtain food, and were obliged to kill and eat a dog which was with them. They finally reached home, but thoroughly used up and half starved.

He was elected selectman of Athol in 1768, and at the alarm at Lexington he led a company of minutemen from that town. He was afterward Captain of a company in the field. He moved to Hardwick in 1780, and was selectman there in 1781-'82, 1785; elected Representative, 1782-1783.

In 1752 the General Court granted 325 acres of land on the west line of Athol (Pequoig) to Rev. Benjamin Ruggles of Middleboro, Mass. This grant became in March, 1762, a part of Athol, but in 1783 was in the part set off to Orange.

Ezekiel Wallingford is said to have located as early as 1747, and was not long afterward killed by the Indians. Mr. Dexter bought the right to Wallingford's land and lived upon it many years. He afterwards returned to Hardwick. He also bought a farm of fifty acres of Jason Babcock, which was set off with lot No. 7 on West Hill. He also owned a farm in Orange called the Battle Farm. He was an active promoter of Shays' Rebellion in 1786, but afterward made his peace with the government. He was a man of ability and courage, as a record of his career shows.

He married Abigail ———, and had seven children. His wife was born 21 July, 1742, and died 7 April, 1797. He died of apoplexy 13 Feb., 1797. His estate was administrated by his sons, Clark and Benjamin. His brother Job was appointed guardian of Lydia and Betty, minor children, they receiving £400 each. He bought a pew in the meeting house at Athol of Moses Goddard for £10, in 1789, although he was then living in Hardwick.

Children:

- 317 i Clark^c Dexter, b. ———; m. Alice Winslow, the dau. of Ezra^s and Rosamond (Spooner) Winslow and a descendant of Hezekiah¹, 1713; Richard^s, 1685; Job^s, ———; Kenehm¹, Winslow, 16 Oct., 1796. They removed to Barnard, Vt.
- 318* ii Miriam^c Dexter, b. ———; m. Asa Hedge, 31 May, 1780.
- 319 iii Benjamin^c Dexter, b. ———.
- 320- iv Lucy^c Dexter, b. 6 July, 1762; d. 19 May, 1833; m. Moses Cheney, 4 July, 1782.
- 321 v Rhoda^c Dexter, b. 1769; d. 9 Aug., 1845; m. Phineas Battle of Orange, 7 Nov., 1793. He was b. 1768, d. 1838.
- 322- vi Lydia^c Dexter, b. ———; m. Sherman Battle, 12 Aug., 1800.
- 323 vii Betty^c Dexter, b. ———; m. Abner Smith of Warwick.

NOTE.—Revolutionary record. See Massachusetts Record.

Ichabod Dexter of Athol, Mass. Captain of a company of minutemen, Colonel Doolittle's regiment, which marched on alarm, 19 April, 1775; service five days. Also Captain in Col. Benjamin Ruggles Woodbridge's (25th) regiment; list of officers recommended for commission by Committee of Safety, dated Cambridge, 15 June, 1775; ordered by Congress, 21 June, 1775, to be delivered, Captain same regiment; muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775; engaged April 24, 1775; service three months, fourteen days. Also Captain in Colonel Doolittle's regiment; list of officers of Massachusetts militia (year not given).

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Job^s Dexter, son of Samuel¹ [Benjamin^s, William^s, Thomas¹] and Mary [Clark] Dexter, was born in Hardwick, 8 March, 1740-1, and spent most of his life there. He married Mercy Hinkley of Hardwick, 17 July, 1766. She was born 1744 and died 28 July, 1810; was the daughter of Thomas and

Ruth [Merrick] Hinkley, and was probably a descendant of Governor Thomas Hinkley. He married (2) Mary Walker of Barre, pub. 1 Nov., 1811. She was born 1755 and died October, 1824, aged 69 years.

Job was a farmer and resided about a mile and a half northerly from the Common. He was Lieutenant in Captain Paige's company at Bennington, August, 1777; was a select-man fifteen years, between 1789 and 1805. He died 10 July, 1827.

Job had ten children, all by his first wife:

- 324⁺ i John^c Dexter, b. in Hardwick, 3 Jan., 1769; d. 7 May, 1836; m. (1) Lucy Dennis, 1803; (2) Persis Gilbert, 1821.
- 325⁺ ii Anna^c Dexter, b. in Hardwick, 22 July, 1770; d. 20 March, 1801; m. Thomas Wheeler, Jr., 3 June, 1790.
- 326⁺ iii Ruth^c Dexter, b. 20 March, 1773; d. 26 March, 1847; m. David Allen, Jr., 27 April, 1794.
- 327⁺ iv Ichabod^c Dexter, b. in Hardwick, 19 Dec., 1775; d. 1851; m. (1) Sally Eager, 1803; (2) Alice Amidon, 1822.
- 328⁺ v Mercy^c Dexter, b. in Hardwick, 28 April, 1777; d. 24 July, 1801.
- 329⁺ vi Joseph^c Dexter, b. in Hardwick, 1 March, 1779; m. Sophia Hart, 13 July, 1800. Moved to Westford, Vt. Two children died in inf. 1803.
- 330⁺ vii Jonathan^c Dexter, bap. 9 Sept., 1781.
- 331⁺ viii Sally^c Dexter, b. in Hardwick, 16 Oct., 1783; d. 18 July, 1811; m. Dr. Elliot Beckworth, 9 Nov., 1806.
- 332⁺ ix Zenas^c Dexter, b. in Hardwick, 26 June, 1785.
- 333⁺ x Alma^c Dexter, b. in Hardwick, 27 May, 1787; d. 7 Oct., 1790.

Revolutionary record of Job Dexter of Hardwick:

He was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant by Council, 18 March, 1777; Lieutenant, Capt. Timothy Paige's company, Col. James Convers' regiment; engaged Aug. 21, 1777; discharged 21 Aug., 1777—ten days. The company marched to Bennington on an alarm. He was also in Capt. John Crawford's company, Col. Job Cushing's regiment; engaged Sept. 7, 1777; discharged 29 Nov., 1777. Service three months and three days, travel included. Also 2nd Lieutenant same company and regiment; pay abstract for rations dated Scarsdeal, 30 Nov., 1777. He was also 1st Lieutenant same company and regiment; rations allowed Oct. 13, 1777; Dec. 9, 1777, services in northern department. He was also 1st Lieutenant, Capt. Denison Robinson's (5) company, 4th Worcester County Regiment; list of officers of Massachusetts militia commissioned 11 June, 1778.

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Mary^c Dexter, daughter of Samuel⁴ [Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Clark] Dexter, was born in Hardwick, Mass., 11 July, 1743, and died ———. She married Benjamin Morton of Athol, 28 Sept., 1760, and went to that place to live.

Benjamin was one of the first children born in Athol, he being born very soon after the arrival of his parents, who went there in the fall of 1735. His parents came from Hatfield and built the first house and organized the first church. Benjamin's parents were Richard and Mary (Waite) Morton, and he was a descendant on his father's side from George Morton, born in Austerfield, Yorkshire, England, 1585, who was the financial agent of Plymouth Colony and chartered the Mayflower for that memorable voyage which ended at Plymouth, 1620. He married Juliana Carpenter, 23 July 1612, and they came in the Ann in June, 1623.

Mrs. Morton's sister, Alice Carpenter, married (2) Gov. William Bradford, the second Governor of Plymouth Colony. Another sister, Agnes Carpenter, was the wife of Dr. Samuel Fuller, one of the passengers on the Mayflower, elder of church, one of the most valuable Pilgrims, and was the first physician that came to this country.

Benjamin Morton was a descendant on his mother's side of Sergeant Benjamin Waite, the hero of the Connecticut Valley (Feb. 25, 1731).

Children:

- 334 i Molly^c Morton, b. ———; m. Solomon Johnson, Jr. (her cousin).
- 335 ii Benjamin^c Morton, Jr., b. ———; m. Hannah Dexter (his cousin).
- 336 iii Sarah^c Morton, b. ———; m. Cromwell Bullock.
- 337 iv Margery^c Morton, b. 1764; m. (1) David Johnson (her cousin);
(2) Samuel Town.
- 338 v Jonathan^c Morton, b. ———; m. (1) Jennie Holt, 1796; (2)
Esther Bennett, 1800.
- 339 vi Submit^c Morton, b. ———; m. Russell Barnes, 1798.

- 340^a vii James^b Morton, b. —; m. Jerusha Forbush.
 341 viii Lois^b Morton, b. —; d. 1850; never married.
 342 ix Abraham^c Morton, b. —; m. Phoebe —.

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Sarah^a Dexter, daughter of Samuel¹ [Benjamin¹, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Clark] Dexter, was born in Hardwick, Mass., 8 May, 1745. She married Solomon Johnson, 28 Dec., 1762, and made their home at Orange, Mass. They were in same school district as Benjamin Dexter and Asa Lord. Solomon was probably son of Zebadiah and Esther Johnson of Shrewsbury, Mass.

They had nine children; two of them married cousins, the children of Benjamin and Mary Morton:

- 343^a i Esther^b Johnson, b. —; d. 1807; m. Joseph Lord.
 344 ii Solomon^c Johnson, Jr., m. Molly Morton (cousin).
 345^a iii Patty^b Johnson; m. John King, 1791.
 346 iv David^b Johnson; m. Margery Morton (cousin).
 347 v Jonathan^b Johnson; m. Betsey Kennedy, 1797; went to Vermont.
 348^a vi Sally^b Johnson, b. —; m. Joshua Tucker of Hardwick.
 349 vii Polly^b Johnson, b. —; m. Mr. Giles of New Salem.
 350 viii Jonah^b Johnson, b. —; m. lady of New Salem.
 351 ix Daniel^b Johnson, b. —.

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Benjamin^a Dexter, son of Samuel¹ [Benjamin¹, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Clark] Dexter, was born in Hardwick, 17 Nov., 1747, and remained there until he was eight years of age, when he was bound out to his brother, Jehabod Dexter of Athol, where he remained until he was of age. He received for his services £13 6s. 8d.

The year after he became of age, 1769, he married Hannah Stone of Rutland, Mass.,^a and went to live upon what is

^aGregory¹ Stone came to America, 1635, aged 45; settled in Watertown; removed to Cambridge; was deacon. He married Lydia Cooper. He died 30 Nov., 1672; she died 24 June, 1674. Six children, all born in England.

John² Stone came over with his father; was one of the original proprietors of Sudbury, 1639; was large owner of land; was elder of church; town clerk, 1655; removed

now called the "Jesse Worrick farm." The house is still standing. The next year he moved into the west end of the Ruggles grant upon the location that is now occupied by the Elihu Dexter and Sylvester Davis farms in Orange, Mass. "This Ruggles grant was made in 1752 to Rev. Benjamin Ruggles of Middleboro, and consisted of 325 acres on the west line of Athol, but in 1783 this was included in the part set off from Athol to Orange." The first settlement on this tract was made by Jacob Hutchins, on the eastern part, but he sold to Abner Morton.

Benjamin, the subject of this sketch, began a home upon the hill west in 1770, and Samuel Ruggles began a settlement in 1776 on west side, and Lemuel Ruggles settled near him in 1780; but in 1770, when Benjamin built, there was no house between his and the Connecticut River, nothing but a wilderness. He spent the next forty years in settling, and they must have been years of hard labor, for the large cleared fields and great stone walls would indicate a vast amount of work, and he had only one son to share his labors. He moved to Richmond, N. H., in 1811, and bought the Gideon Mann place at Four Corners. This he sold in 1817 to Bassett & Harkness and moved onto the Deacon John Cass farm, where he died in 1818.

When one looks at the extent of the old homestead of Benjamin, Sr., and realizes that with the help of only one son he was able to clear off this large tract of land and build the walls that are now in evidence, he cannot fail to come to the conclusion that he was a man of untiring energy,

to Cambridge, 1664. He married Anna How, daughter of Elder How of Watertown. He died 1683. Ten children.

Nathaniel² Stone, born in Saxtonville, married Sarah Wayt of Malden. Eight children.

Jonathan² Stone, born 1690, married Abiel Bigelow, 11 Oct., 1716. He died in 1723.

Simcon² Stone, born in 1722, married Hannah Kendall Jan., 1745, in Southboro, Mass.; she was born in 1720, died in 1801. She was daughter of Eleazer² Kendall and Hannah (Rowe) Kendall, granddaughter of Eleazer² and Ruth Kendall, and great granddaughter of Francis¹ Kendall and Mary (Tidd) Kendall, who was one of the proprietors of Woburn, 1640. Simcon died in Rutland 12 May, 1785.

Simcon² and wife moved from Framingham to Marlboro, where Hannah was born 15 Jan., 1746, then to Rutland, where the other children were born: Daniel, 1748; David, 1749; Jonas, 1750; Lucy, 1754; Daniel, 1757; Susanna, 1760. He bought land laid out to Lient. Simon Davis and set up a tannery, supposed to be the first in town, where he for several years carried on the tanning business. He bought and sold the farm afterward owned by his son Jonas (originally granted to Samuel Sewell, Esq.). He was one of the minute men at the alarm, 1775.

and that he must have been blessed with good health, for when he built the first house it was all a vast wilderness.

Most of the children married and settled within a few miles of the homestead. Hannah, the eldest, however, some years later moved to New York State, and in a letter to her parents she says they were on the road twelve days, but found the place Florence, N. Y., a nice place to live in.

Benjamin was Selectman in Orange in 1791, 1792 and 1793, and again in 1808.

He dealt in land extensively for those days:

In 1770 he bought of Joseph Lawrence of Athol 66 acres (part of the Ruggles grant) for £106. This is supposed to be a part of the homestead where the Dexters now live in Orange.

In 1775 he bought of Edw. Hutchins of Athol another tract which adjoined land he then owned.

In 1781 he bought of Zadok Hayward (blacksmith of Athol 37 acres situated on both sides of the road which runs from the saw-mill to the county road and on the back side of West Brook, so-called.

In 1784 he bought 12 acres of Susanna Taylor, on road leading from Ruggles' barn to West Hill, near land of Thomas Lord, bounded westerly by town line.

In 1794 he bought a small piece of land of Aaron Lord.

In 1791 he bought of Moses Goddard of Orange two lots of land, 66 acres in each, in Warwick, Nos. 29 and 36 in fourth division.

In 1790 he bought of Josiah Ford of Orange 1-3 acre of land on road leading from county road to Metcalf's saw-mill.

In 1792 he bought of Elijah Ball of Orange, near Atwood's mills.

In 1799 he bought of William and Pressen Lord a meadow-lot of 8 acres.

In 1800 he bought of Ebenezer Webb of Rutland, Vt., 20 acres of land in Benson, Vt., for \$2000.

In 1804 he bought of Clark Stone of Wendell 100 acres of land in Somerset, Vt., No. 2 lot in 2d survey.

In 1804 he bought of Benjamin Morton 13 acres of land in Erving, Mass.

In 1805 he bought of Benjamin Goodnow of Somerset, Vt., 100 acres of land, being lot No. 3 in 2d survey.

In 1805 he bought another tract from Benjamin Morton, 10 acres, in Erving.

In 1810 he bought of Benjamin Mann of Richmond, N. H., lot No. 8 in 6 range in Richmond. Upon this he lived from 1811 until 1817.

In 1810 he bought land of Anna Hoar of Orange.

In 1811 he bought 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land in Erving of Levi Gage for \$430.

In 1812 he bought 47 acres in southerly part of Orange of David Cleveland, and 20 acres in Richmond, N. H., of George and Esek Buffum for \$250.

In 1814 he bought 300 acres of land in Richmond, N. H., of Timothy Cole.

In 1817 he bought 116 acres of land in Richmond of Deliverance Cole.

In 1783 he sold Abner Morton a part of the Ruggles tract.

In 1785 he sold Thomas Lord of Athol 10 acres near the saw-mill, on west line of Athol.

He sold in 1805, 50 acres of land in New Salem to Elkanah Hixson, and in 1816 he sold 50 acres of land in New Salem to B. Smith of that place for \$400.

In 1812 he sold to David Cleveland of Orange three lots in Orange, one containing the blacksmith shop, formerly owned by Levi Thurston, deceased; and these are only a part of the transfers recorded.

In 1807 he sold to his only son, Benjamin, Jr., one-third of the real estate in Orange, except the house and land about the house where he lived; Benjamin, Jr., not to sell the same for fifteen years; also let him the other two-thirds of the farm for the term of fifteen years, so that the whole could be managed by Benjamin, Jr., one-third of the crops to be given to Benjamin, Sr. Before he moved from Orange to Richmond, N. H., he deeded to his daughter, Hannah

Morton, for love, etc., a tract of land between Warwick and New Salem containing 50 acres, she not to sell it during the life of her father.

In 1815 he sold three tracts of land containing 158 acres (which is now the Sylvester Davis place) to John Davis, the husband of his daughter, Lucy Dexter.

NOTE.—In a letter from Susanna (Stone) Putnam of Cambridge, Mass., written to her sister Hannah, wife of Benjamin Dexter, in January, 1817, she says that in the first week of JUNE, 1816, there was a cold snap for five nights and the ground was covered with snow.

Will of Benjamin Dexter of Richmond, N. H., made in 1817:

First To my wife Hannah Dexter all my household furniture and seventeen hundred dollars in money—she having choice out of my securities except what I hold against my son Benjamin, she to take this in place of dower.

To my son Benjamin all my securities that I hold against him and all my wearing apparel, this with what I have given him make his full share.

To my daughter Betsey Wheeler about forty acres of land lying on the north side of the turnpike road adjoining my homestead farm—the land joins Enos Holbrook's land on the west & north—also 13 of a 20 acre meadow I bought of Geo. & Esek. Ballum and all the land I own in the town of Peru Vt being about 500 acres—this with what she has had before makes her share.

I give & bequeath all the remainder of my estate of whatever name or nature to four of my daughters viz. Hannah Morton, Lucy Davis, Phebe Ball & Mercy Dexter and four of my grandchildren, viz., Susanna Thurston, Phebe Thurston, Percillia Thurston & Harriet Thurston children of my daughter Phebe their heirs and assigns to be divided as follows viz—The said Hannah, Lucy & Mercy three of my daughters to have $\frac{3}{4}$ of my estate equally between them—my daughter Phebe to have the use & profits of one fourth of my estate during the time that my grandchildren become of lawful age to act for themselves, viz—Each to take their share when they become of age—

I do hereby empower my Executor to sell all my land that remains not disposed of in this will and pay it out and divide as directed.

I appoint Benj Dexter Jr my son and John Davis my son in law as my executors.

Will of Hannah [Stone] Dexter:

Be it remembered that I, Hannah Dexter of Orange, widow of Benjamin Dexter, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being in perfect health and mind and memory (blessed be the Almighty God for the same), do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say: First, I give and bequeath unto my only son, Benjamin Dexter, the sum of \$160; 2nd, I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Mercy Dexter, the sum of \$150; 3d, I give and bequeath all the rest of my money or money securities to my other four daughters, viz., Hannah Morton, Lucy Davis, Phebe Ball and Betsey Wheeler, to be divided among them in equal proportions; 4th, I hereby appoint William Whitaker of New Salem, sole executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

Hannah Dexter.

June 11, 1832.

Children of Benjamin and Hannah Dexter:

- 352^a i Hannah^c Dexter, b. in Athol, 5 Dec., 1770; d. 18 Sept., 1858; m. Benjamin Morton, Jr., 1787.
- 353 ii Simeon^c Dexter, b. in Athol (afterwards set off to Orange), 31 Oct., 1772; d. 1 March, 1773.
- 354^a iii Benjamin^c Dexter, b. in Athol, 24 Nov., 1775; d. 1858; m. (1) Hephzibah Ballard; (2) Anna Barret; (3) Betsey Legg; (4) Frances Tuttle.
- 355^a iv Lucy^c Dexter, b. in Athol, 24 Dec., 1777; d. 1865; m. John Davis, 21 Aug., 1804.
- 356^a v Phebe^c Dexter, b. in Athol, 11 Feb., 1780; d. 13 Oct., 1857; m. (1) Levi Thurston, 1803; (2) Fordyce Ball, 1810.
- 357 vi Betsey^c Dexter, b. in Athol, 6 July, 1782; d. 21 Dec., 1864; m. Zaccheus Wheeler, 5 Dec., 1803.
- 358 vii Susanna^c Dexter, b. in Orange, 7 Aug., 1784; d. 13 Dec., 1787.
- 359 viii Sally^c Dexter, b. in Orange, 19 Nov., 1786; d. 1789.
- 360 ix Mercy^c Dexter, b. in Orange, 21 June, 1788; d. 10 Nov., 1841.

Ephraim⁵ Dexter, son of Ephraim⁴ [Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Martha [Clark] Dexter, was born 31 Dec., 1741, and died 5 April, 1823. He married Kesiah Sober, 29 Dec., 1771.

Eleven children, born in Rochester:

- 361* i Martha^a Dexter, b. 28 Sept., 1772; d. 29 Jan., 1852; m. Prince Snow, 1794.
 362* ii Anna^a Dexter, b. 6 Jan., 1774; d. 18 Aug., 1860; m. James Snow, 20 Dec., 1795.
 363* iii Kesiah^a Dexter, b. 5 Oct., 1775; d. 2 June, 1835; m. Ebenezer Holmes, 1805.
 364* iv Luke^a Dexter, b. 16 Nov., 1777; d. 9 Nov., 1856.
 365* v Ephraim^a Dexter, b. 28 April, 1779; d. 27 June, 1862.
 366* vi Gideon^a Dexter, b. 7 April, 1781; d. 30 June, 1827.
 367* vii Thomas^a Dexter, b. 9 March, 1783; d. 22 Feb., 1871.
 368* viii Jane^a Dexter, b. 6 May, 1785; d. 21 Nov., 1875; m. James Cathell.
 369* ix Alden^a Dexter, b. 4 June, 1788; d. 8 Oct., 1869.
 370* x Polly^a Dexter, b. 25 Feb., 1790; d. 12 March, 1861; m. Larnet Hall, May, 1811.
 371 xi Alice^a Dexter, b. 15 May, 1792; d. 1801.

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Caleb⁵ Dexter, son of Ephraim⁴ [Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Martha [Clark] Dexter, was born 19 April, 1751, and died 3 Oct., 1831. He was a Revolutionary soldier. He was a caulker by trade. He married Hannah Hatch.

Four children, born in Rochester:

- 372 i William W.^a Dexter, b. 7 March, 1776; died young.
 373 ii Davis^a Dexter, b. 12 Oct., 1785; died young.
 374 iii Rebekah^a Dexter, b. 9 July, 1790; d. 1867; m. Stephen Nye.
 375* iv Caleb^a Dexter, b. 23 Jan., 1794; d. 7 Feb., 1827; m. Lydia Miller, 19 June, 1821.

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Seth⁵ Dexter, son of Seth⁴ [Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Elizabeth [] Dexter, was born in Rochester, 28 Dec., 1743, and died 1 Aug., 1797. He married Deborah Haskall, 18 Dec., 1768.

Children:

- 376* i David^a Dexter, b. in Rochester, 17 May, 1770; d. 1838; m. Polly Pilkin, 22 Dec., 1796.

- 377 ii Joanna^c Dexter, b. in Windsor, 23 March, 1772; d. 1819; m. ———
Clark.
- 378 iii Deborah^c Dexter, b. 25 June, 1774; d. 29 Sept., 1803; m.
Jerijah Barber.
- 379 iv Seth^c Dexter, b. 22 Dec., 1776; d. 31 March, 1841; m. Sylvia
Gaylord, 1808.
- 380 v Azubah^c Dexter, b. 17 Feb., 1779; d. 16 Jan., 1826; m. Conant
Abernathy in 1800.
- 381 vi Nancy^c Dexter, b. 22 May, 1781; m. Benjamin Gates.
- 382 vii Nathaniel^c Dexter, b. 23 March, 1784; d. 1821; m. Betsey ———;
went to Burlington, Vt.
- 383[#] viii William^c Dexter, b. 28 Feb., 1786; d. 3 May, 1841; m. Sally
Mellany.
- 384 ix Sophia^c Dexter, b. 28 June, 1789; d. 1856; m. Luther Hoadley
of Winsted, Conn., 23 Jan., 1813.

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Elijah^c Dexter, son of Seth⁴ [Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Elizabeth [———] Dexter, was born 22 Feb., 1749, and died 25 July, 1827. He married (1) Keziah Winslow, 29 March, 1772; married (2) Martha Clark, 4 April, 1779. He was leather sealer, also lumber dealer in 1792.

Will of Elijah Dexter:

I, Elijah Dexter of Rochester this 7th Nov. 1822—

I give to my beloved wife the use and improvement of all my Real & Personal estate during her natural life except such parts as are otherwise disposed of in this will. I also give her my Scotts Bible—

I give to my dau.—Betsey Burgess with what I before gave her one Bed and furniture—

I give to my dau. Keziah Athern in addition to what I have before given her one Bed & furniture—

I give to my dau. Thankful Burgess in addition to what I have before given her one bed & furniture.

I give to my daughter Sophia Dexter her heirs & assigns one undivided half of my Corn Mill, one undivided half of the dam on which it stands & one undivided half of the privilege of the water appertenant to said mill & one undivided half of all rights privileges &c belonging to said mill. I also give to her, her heirs & assigns the salt marsh which I own in common & undivided with the heirs of the late Thomas Whiteridge. I also give her my chaise & all my household furniture not otherwise disposed of when her mother has done with it.

I also give to her the use & improvement of one of the rooms on lower floor of my dwelling & one of the chambers with a privilege in the cellar & a place to lay wood near the house with right to apples in the orchard for her own use and a sufficiency of firewood to keep & maintain one fire these bequests to be to her during her natural life.

I give to my son Elijah, seventy dollars & one half my wearing apparel

I give to my son Seth one half of my wearing apparel.

I also give him the use & improvement of my R. E. after his mother has done with it, that is to say of one half of it till my grandson John Gibbs Dexter arrives at the age of 21—the other half during his natural life but this is not to have any effect of the half of the Corn Mill given to Sophia or on the shoemakers shop

I give to my grandson John Gibbs Dexter one half of my real estate including $\frac{1}{2}$ of my Corn Mill with its appertanances the same to be his, his heirs & assigns forever, he to come into the possession at the age of 21 y if my wife is not living at that time but if she is living he is to come into possess at her death. I also give to him my shoemakers shop & tools the same to be his forever—

I give to my Grand son Prince Dexter the other half of my R. E. not absolutely given away in this will he to come into possession at the death of my Son Seth Dexter the same to be his, his heirs & assigns forever—

My will is that after my wife's death my stock be equally divided between my two Grand sons & my dau. Sophia—

I app— Elijah Dexter my Ex-r—

Signes

Elijah Dexter [Seal]

Ten children; Elizabeth and Sarah were by first wife:

- 385 i Elizabeth^e Dexter, b. 11 May, 1773.
- 386 ii Sarah^e Dexter, b. 27 May, 1775; d. 19 Nov., 1792; never married.
- 387 iii Keziah^e Dexter, b. 5 July, 1780; d. 9 May, 1861; m. Belcher Athern.
- 388 iv Prince^e Dexter, b. 19 Jan., 1782; d. 3 Dec., 1813; m. Arlothen Savery.
- 389 v Sophia^e Dexter, b. 18 March, 1784; d. 20 Oct., 1845; m. Joseph Gibbs, 1836.
- 390 vi Elijah^e Dexter, b. 1 Sept., 1786; d. 10 Oct., 1851; m. (1) Chrissa Crocker, 1809; (2) Mary Morton, 1812; (3) Lydia Thompson, 1844.
- 391 vii Thankful^e Dexter, b. 25 Sept., 1788; d. 9 Dec., 1848; m. Prince Burgess, 6 Nov., 1807.

- 392 viii Deborah⁶ Dexter, b. 20 Jan., 1791; d. 8 Nov., 1813; single.
 393² ix Seth⁶ Dexter, b. 26 March, 1793; d. 16 Sept., 1832.
 394 x Polly⁶ Dexter, b. 8 Dec., 1795; d. 3 March, 1814.

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Thankful⁵ Dexter, daughter of Seth⁴ [Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Elizabeth [] Dexter, was born 19 Aug., 1759. She married Zebulon Haskall, 3 Feb., 1782.

Two children:

- 395 i Seth⁶ Haskall, b. 7 March, 1783.
 396 ii David⁶ Haskall, b. 17 Sept., 1784.

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Jabez⁶ Dexter, son of Seth⁵ [Jabez⁴, Philip³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Kirby] Dexter, was born 10 Aug., 1758, and died 14 Jan., 1814. He married Rachel Randall.

Four children:

- 397 i Delilah⁷ Dexter, b. —; d. Sept., 1886; m. Corbett Chandler.
 398 ii Lydia⁷ Dexter.
 399 iii Charles⁷ Dexter.
 400 iv Sarah⁷ Dexter, b. 1810; d. 7 Aug., 1865; m. John Aiken.

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Elias⁶ Dexter, son of Seth⁵ [Jabez⁴, Philip³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Kirby] Dexter, was born —, and died 15 Dec., 1821. He married Mercy Sampson 1 Dec., 1795.

Five children:

- 401 i Lucy⁷ Dexter; m. William Cambridge.
 402 ii Mary⁷ Dexter; m. — Harvey.
 403 iii Isaiah⁷ Dexter.
 404 iv Edward Dean⁷ Dexter; d. 8 Jan., 1833; m. Mary Dexter.
 405 v Lemuel⁷ Dexter.

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Elizabeth⁶ Dexter, daughter of Seth⁵ [Jabez⁴, Philip³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Kirby¹] Dexter, was born _____, and died 15 March, 1827. She married _____ Dexter.

One child:

- 406⁺ i. Samuel B.⁵ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 1796; d. 30 Sept., 1869; m. Abby Blackmer.

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Elisha⁶ Dexter, son of Seth⁵ [Jabez⁴, Philip³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Kirby¹] Dexter, was born April, 1765, and died 14 Jan., 1834. He married Eunice Bowles, Dec., 1778; she died 31 Jan., 1833, aged 69 years.

Eight children, born at Rochester, Mass.:

- 407 i. Jane⁷ Dexter, b. Jan., 1779; d. 10 Sept., 1818; m. Kirby Beard.
 408 ii. Betsey Elizabeth⁷ Dexter, b. 30 March, 1781; d. 9 Dec., 1865; m. Thomas C. Ames, 2 Aug., 1812.
 409 iii. Mary⁷ Dexter, b. 5 Oct., 1784; d. 11 Sept., 1851; m. Sylvanus Tripp.
 410⁺ iv. Elisha⁷ Dexter, b. 4 Dec., 1797; d. 17 Jan., 1890; m. Sarah Mendall.
 411 v. Seth⁷ Dexter, b. 3 July, 1799; d. 20 June, 1824.
 412⁺ vi. Harvey⁷ Dexter, b. 3 Dec., 1801; d. 4 Jan., 1856; m. (1) Lydia Chandler; (2) Huldah Randall, April, 1848.
 413⁺ vii. Alden⁷ Dexter, b. 2 July, 1804; d. 14 May, 1841; m. Merinda Frost.
 414 viii. Clarissa⁷ Dexter, b. 30 June, 1807; m. Lewis Randall.

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Isaiah⁶ Dexter, son of Seth⁵ [Jabez⁴, Philip³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Kirby¹] Dexter, was born 31 Dec., 1752. He married Mary Davis, 29 Oct., 1775.

Three children:

- 415 i Rebecca⁵ Dexter; m. Charles Chandler.
- 416 ii Edith⁵ Dexter; m. ——— Washburn.
- 417 iii Lydia⁵ Dexter; m. Thomas Sherman.

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Betsey⁶ Dexter, daughter of Philip⁵ [Gershom⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹], married Isaac Hathaway. He was a farmer in Mattapoissett.

Seven children:

- 418 i Isaac⁷ Hathaway, b. 12 Feb., 1810; d. 5 May, 1868; m. Emily Haskins.
- 419 ii Philip D.⁷ Hathaway, b. 27 Nov., 1815; d. 4 June, 1897; m. Desire Smith (Hiller).
- 420 iii Ebenezer R.⁷ Hathaway, b. 30 June, 1819; d. 15 Aug., 1872; m. Elizabeth Bates.
- 421 iv Judah⁷ Hathaway; unmarried.
- 422 v Nathaniel⁷ Hathaway; unmarried.
- 423 vi Betsey⁷ Hathaway; unmarried.
- 424 vii Patia A.⁷ Hathaway; unmarried.

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Charles⁶ Dexter, son of John⁵ [John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Rebecca [Hiller⁴ Dexter, was born 6 July, 1782. He married Hannah or Thankful Snow, 3 March, 1808.

Five children:

- 425 i Rebecca H.⁷ Dexter.
- 426 ii John⁷ Dexter, b. 29 Jan., 1810; d. 8 Sept., 1884; m. Mary S. Rogers, 18 Nov., 1883.
- 427 iii James W.⁷ Dexter, b. 21 Nov., 1814; d. 7 May, 1890; m. (1) Abigail Cannon, 6 June, 1835; (2) Mary Burbank, 1 Jan., 1870.
- 428 iv David⁷ Dexter, b. 10 Aug., 1818; d. 14 Feb., 1864; m. Corrella King. No family.
- 429 v Hannah J.⁷ Dexter, b. 12 March, 1820; d. 26 Aug., 1899; m. Barnabas Hiller, 26 April, 1865. No family.

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Charles⁵ Dexter, son of David³ | John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹ and Mary | Butler | Dexter, was born 3 Oct., 1783, and died 29 Sept., 1852. He married Lucinda Bascom, 5 Feb., 1812.

Nine children:

- 430 i Mary⁵ Dexter, b. in Wardsboro, Vt., 15 April, 1815; died 11 Feb., 1824.
- 431 ii Chester B.⁵ Dexter, b. 14 Sept., 1816; d. in Troy, N. Y., 1892; m. (1) Sally White, 1842; (2) Irene H. Dexter, 1860.
- 432 iii Avery J.⁵ Dexter, b. 27 April, 1818; m. Mary D. White, 22 March, 1841.
- 433 iv Sophronia⁵ Dexter, b. 21 March, 1820; m. (1) Dexter Lamb, 1844; (2) Justus H. Dix, 1856; d. in Troy, N. Y., 1892.
- 434 v Selina⁵ Dexter, b. 9 March, 1822; d. 16 July, 1886; m. Philo Chamberlain, 1848.
- 435 vi Charles⁵ Dexter, Jr., b. 9 June, 1824; d. 14 June, 1879; m. Rhelura Chapin, 1849.
- 436 vii Hadassah⁵ Dexter, b. 7 Sept., 1826; m. Dexter H. Van Ostrand, 2 Sept., 1847; d. in Troy, N. Y., 1892.
- 437 viii Irene⁵ Dexter, b. May, 1830; d. 2 May, 1872; m. Ellis Rawson, 9 March, 1847.
- 438 ix Allen Caleb⁵ Dexter, b. 7 July, 1832; m. Frances L. Horton, 1 Jan., 1861; d. in Troy, N. Y., 1892.

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Nathan⁶ Dexter, son of David³ | John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹ and Mary | Butler | Dexter, was born ——. He married ——— Park.

Children:

- 438A i Urial⁷ Dexter, b. 29 March, 1811; d. 25 Dec., 1867.
- 438B ii James R.⁷ Dexter, b. 6 Sept., 1817.
- 438C iii Melvin A.⁷ Dexter, b. 14 March, 1820.

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John⁶ Dexter, son of David⁵ [John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Butler] Dexter, was born 1 March, 1788, and died 18 Feb., 1858. He married (1) Deborah F. Marsh, (2) Miranda Park, (3) Betsey Miner.

Two children:

- 439 i Fayette⁶ Dexter, b. in Dover, Vt., 2 Nov., 1816; d. 28 Sept., 1845; m. Eliza L. Reed, 5 Dec., 1844.
- 440 ii John Sidney⁶ Dexter, b. in Dover, Vt., 3 May, 1821; m. (1) Abigail A. Eames, 24 March, 1842; (2) Julia A. Eames, 15 April, 1846; (3) Mrs. Betsey (Eames) Bates, 16 Jan., 1882.

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David⁶ Dexter, son of David⁵ [John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Butler] Dexter, was born 20 April, 1790, and died 6 Jan., 1871. He married Chloe Hazeltine, 2 Feb., 1815, at Wardsboro, Vt. She was a descendant of Edward Rawson, who was the Secretary of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Edward Rawson's grandmother was the sister to Edmund Vrindal, who became the renowned Archbishop of Canterbury in the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

Four children:

- 441 i Laban H.⁶ Dexter, b. 7 March, 1816; m. Ann W. Morse, 13 May, 1847. No children.
- 442 ii Laura⁶ Dexter, b. 24 May, 1818; d. 16 Sept., 1889; m. Francis W. Jones, May, 1837.
- 443 iii Eleanor M.⁶ Dexter, b. 3 March, 1820; d. 31 Jan., 1833.
- 444 iv D. Gilbert⁶ Dexter, b. 29 March, 1823; m. Ellen Simonds, 6 Feb., 1856.

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Daniel⁶ Dexter, son of David⁵ [John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Butler] Dexter, was born 30 May, 1792, and

died 30 May, 1862. He married (1) Hadassah Johnson, 1824; (2) Roxalana Johnson, 24 Dec., 1829.

Four children:

- 445 i Chandler⁵ Dexter, b. 10 July, 1831; d. 4 Aug., 1833.
- 446 ii Mary⁵ Dexter, b. 20 Feb., 1834; m. Wales H. Willard, Nov., 1854.
- 447 iii Eleanor M.⁵ Dexter, b. 31 May, 1836; m. Wells M. White, 28 Aug., 1860.
- 448 iv Sara M.⁵ Dexter, b. 5 May, 1838; m. (1) William S. Knowlton, 13 Feb., 1867; (2) Howard M. Barke, 12 Jan., 1887.

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Silas⁶ Dexter, son of David⁵ [John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹ and Mary [Butler¹] Dexter, was born 6 Dec., 1794, and died 7 April, 1850. He married (1) Irene Hall, 1826; (2) Maria Taylor, 10 Jan., 1833. He was Representative in 1831-2-3.

Four children:

- 449 i Irene H.⁵ Dexter, b. in Wardsboro, Vt., 27 Sept., 1833; m. Chester B. Dexter, 26 Nov., 1860.
- 450 ii Lucie A.⁵ Dexter, b. 31 April, 1836; d. 10 June, 1868; m. George Knight, 4 July, 1865.
- 451 iii Frank⁵ Dexter, b. 6 March, 1838; d. 8 Dec., 1886.
- 452 iv Laura⁵ Dexter, b. 8 June, 1841; m. Darwin C. Blanchard, 12 Jan., 1869.

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Jonathan Mills⁶ Dexter, son of Jonathan⁵ [John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Hannah [Church] Dexter, was born at Wardsboro, Vt., 26 April, 1788, and died in Baltimore, Md., 28 April, 1844. He obtained his education in his native town, but very early in life moved to Boston, Mass., where he started in business in a small way. He, however, soon developed a desire for mercantile pursuit, and soon went into the real estate business, which he found congenial



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to his tastes, and he was quite successful from the start. He operated in Boston, Cambridge and Roxbury. He then turned his attention to Lowell, and was a very large owner of land there, at one time owning the land where the City Hall, High School and most of the factories now stand.

Mr. Dexter founded the town of Draeut, opposite the city of Lowell, and was instrumental in having a bridge connect the two places. He also purchased 10,000 acres of land in Maine. His operations in real estate extended over a considerable part of the country, and it was while he was at Baltimore, Md., to close a large deal that he suddenly died.

Mr. Dexter took a great interest in young men, and was instrumental in starting more than a score of them in business. In religion he was a strict Presbyterian. He died at the age of 46, having amassed a large fortune for those times and, what is better yet, gained the esteem of his fellowmen.



HARRIET S. (MORSE) DEXTER, WIFE OF JONATHAN M.

Mr. Dexter married Harriet S. Morse, 23 Jan., 1823. She was born in Newfane, Vt., 27 Nov., 1796, and died in Boston, Mass., 10 May, 1841. Harriet Siverly Morse was the daughter of Ebenezer Morse of Boylston, Mass. Her mother was Henrietta Morse of New York, born in 1767 and died in 1853. Her father was an architect and builder, and built the first mill at Newfane, Vt. In 1782 he left New York, where he was then living, bound for Halifax, N. S. He was engaged in the Department of Artifices in the service of King George III. He was granted a bounty of land by proclamation of the King. Her grandfather, Rev. Ebenezer Morse of Boylston, was invited to settle over the new church, and after some bargaining about salary he consented to do so. He was installed 26 Oct., 1743, six churches assisting. The meeting-house at that time was not finished: it had neither pulpit,

pews, doors nor even a permanent floor. It was completed the next year (1744). Individuals built their own pews where spaces were granted to them, as was customary, and this continued until 1761. Mr. Morse remained with the church twenty-five years, but when the disaffection of the Colonies arose he appeared as a Royalist, and as the church people were patriotic, there was a difference between them, and he was dismissed 10 Nov., 1755. He remained in town, however, and took up the practice of medicine and also fitted students for college. Mr. Morse was born in Medfield, 2 March, 1718; graduated at Harvard College 1737; studied law with John Chandler. He was married to Persis, daughter of John Bush. She was a descendant of John Howe, who came from England and who was connected with Lord Charles How, Earl of Lancaster, in reign of Charles I. She was born ———; died 6 May, 1788. He died in 1802, aged 83 years.

Nine children, born at Boston, Mass.:

- 453 i Samuel Adams⁵ Dexter, b. 3 Feb., 1824; d. 17 April, 1856.
- 454 ii Frances Henrietta⁷ Dexter, b. 26 June, 1825; m. James P. Tolman, 1 Oct., 1846.
- 454A iii Harriet Augusta⁵ Dexter, b. 19 Sept., 1827; d. 20 Oct., 1828.
- 455 iv Augustus Charles⁷ Dexter, b. 28 Aug., 1829; m. Alice Gilbert, 22 Oct., 1875.
- 456 v George Mills⁵ Dexter, b. 28 Feb., 1832; d. 12 Aug., 1853.
- 456A vi Henry Montgomery⁷ Dexter, b. 6 Nov., 1833; m. Eliza H. McConnell, 25 Aug., 1863.
- 457* vii Harriet Siverly⁷ Dexter, b. 6 Nov., 1835; d. 2 May, 1859; m. Charles Stephenson, 22 Dec., 1856.
- 458 viii William⁷ Dexter, b. 1 April, 1839; d. 4 April, 1839.
- 459 ix Helen A.⁷ Dexter, b. 26 Oct., 1840; m. Charles Stephenson, 9 Jan., 1862.

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Oliver⁶ Dexter, son of Jonathan⁵ [John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Dolly [White] Dexter, was born 11 Dec., 1802, and died 5 April, 1882. He married Louisa Preston, 19 Sept., 1830.

They had six children, born in Wardsboro, Vt.:

- 460 i Emily⁷ Dexter, b. 23 Oct., 1832.
- 461 ii Charles⁷ Dexter, b. 6 Sept., 1839; d. 17 March, 1889; m. Harriet Morse, 17 March, 1868.
- 462 iii Frances⁷ Dexter, b. in Addison, Vt., 27 April, 1837; m. Benjamin C. Haywood, 23 Sept., 1858.
- 463 iv Oliver⁷ Dexter, b. 7 July, 1840; m. Rosalia C. Larkin, 24 June, 1863.
- 464^{*} v Horace⁷ Dexter, b. 25 Jan., 1843; m. Lora R. Griffin, 16 May, 1871.
- 465 vi Harriet⁷ Dexter, b. 6 May, 1846; m. Mills J. Landon, 25 Feb., 1868.

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Joseph W.⁶ Dexter, son of Jonathan⁵ [John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Dolly [White] Dexter, was born 14 April, 1811. He married Mary F. Morse, 11 Nov., 1834.

They had six children:

- 466 i Josephine M.⁷ Dexter, b. in Boston, 19 Oct., 1835; d. 2 Sept., 1854.
- 467 ii Linus G.⁷ Dexter, b. in Wardsboro, Vt., 29 Dec., 1839; d. 19 Sept., 1854.
- 468 iii E. Milton⁷ Dexter, b. 28 July, 1842; m. E. Aline Osgood, 17 Jan., 1883.
- 469 iv Stella A.⁷ Dexter, b. 8 Dec., 1845; m. T. G. Nash, 14 May, 1866.
- 470 v Ellen M.⁷ Dexter, b. 5 July, 1848; d. 2 July, 1854.
- 471 vi Charles L.⁷ Dexter, b. 11 Oct., 1855; m. Eleanor C. Morse, 25 June, 1884.

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Linus W.⁶ Dexter, son of Jonathan⁵ [John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Dolly [White] Dexter, was born in Wardsboro, Vt., 24 May, 1813, and died February, 1899. He married Caroline Carpenter.

Linus Dexter went to Philadelphia early in life and there laid the foundation for his fortune in the confectionery

and fancy baking business. He afterwards extended the business to other large eastern cities. He was known as the inventor of the "angel cake." He was fond of good horses, and years ago his stables in Philadelphia contained some of the finest animals in the country. He met with business reverses at one time, but set to work manfully and amassed a second fortune.

Mr. Dexter had a tender heart for the poor and needy, but so modest and secret was he in his acts of charity that none but his closest friends knew of them. He was always honest and upright in his business, and was never known to be harsh to the poor in his tenements or exacting to his debtors. He died at Vineland, N. J., aged 86, and left a fortune of \$500,000, which he had willed to his wife. His wife died shortly before he did.

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Anna⁶ Dexter, daughter of Reuben⁵ [John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Tobey] Dexter, was born 11 July, 1779, and died 5 Dec., 1867. She married Abner Hall, 4 Nov., 1819. Mr. Hall was a ship carpenter.

Six children, born in Mattapoisett:

- 472 i Laura A.⁷ Hall, b. —; d. 16 Nov., 1872; m. Capt. Joseph R. Taber (whaling captain).
- 473 ii Martha⁷ Hall.
- 474 iii Lucy⁷ Hall, b. 9 Sept., 1825; d. 2 Nov., 1880; m. Henry Taylor (merchant in Mattapoisett).
- 475 iv Emily⁷ Hall, b. 7 Aug., 1830; d. 16 May, 1884; m. Wyatt Snow, 7 July, 1850. He was a carpenter.
- 476 v Abner⁷ Hall, b. 13 April, 1835; d. 31 May, 1883; m. Lucinda Keith.
- 477 vi Nathan⁷ Hall.

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Clarissa⁶ Dexter, daughter of Reuben⁵ [John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Tobey] Dexter, was born 25 May,

1805, and died 23 March, 1867. She married Edward Buell, 31 July, 1834. Mr. Buell was a ship-joiner and resided at Mattapoisett.

Eight children :

- 478 i Marretta⁵ Buell, b. Mattapoisett, 2 May, 1825; m. Francis Maxwell, 26 Nov., 1865.
- 479 ii Edward Franklin⁵ Buell, b. 6 Oct., 1828; d. 6 Jan., 1831.
- 480 iii Sarah Jane⁵ Buell, b. 27 July, 1831; m. John Meigs, 19 June, 1853.
- 481 iv Edward W.⁵ Buell, b. 13 Oct., 1834; d. 17 March, 1836.
- 482 v Eliza L. B.⁵ Buell, b. 17 April, 1837; d. 23 Nov., 1841.
- 483 vi Reuben D.⁵ Buell, b. 25 May, 1841; d. 14 Jan., 1844.
- 484 vii Laura J.⁵ Buell, b. 14 April, 1845; d. 17 April, 1857.
- 485 viii Edward W.⁵ Buell, Jr., b. 27 Aug., 1849; m. Helen Frances, 23 June, 1875.

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Mary⁶ Dexter, daughter of Reuben⁵ [John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Tobey] Dexter, was born 4 Feb., 1808, and died 23 July, 1896. She married Nathan H. Barstow, 27 Dec., 1829. Mr. Barstow was a ship-builder in Mattapoisett before 1861. He also had saw-mill and box factory.

Six children :

- 486 i Helen⁵ Barstow, b. 30 April, 1831; d. 23 Sept., 1855.
- 487 ii Caroline⁵ Barstow, b. 12 Nov., 1832; d. 19 Jan., 1854.
- 488 iii Elizabeth Penn⁵ Barstow, b. 10 Dec., 1833; d. 22 March, 1854; m. Charles D. Hall.
- 489 iv Mary Tobey⁵ Barstow, b. 12 Nov., 1835; d. 9 July, 1838.
- 490 v Mary Tobey⁵ Barstow, 2d, b. Dec., 1838; d. 8 May, 1854.
- 491 vi Nathan Hammond⁵ Barstow, b. 6 July, 1842; d. 10 Sept., 1843.

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Caroline⁶ Dexter, daughter of Reuben⁵ [John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Tobey] Dexter, was born 14 March,

1814, and died 2 July, 1856. She married Daniel Smith, 1 Jan., 1840.

Six children:

- 492 i Caroline Dexter⁷ Smith, b. in New Bedford, 4 July, 1841; d. 4 Nov., 1852.
- 493 ii Mary Leonard⁷ Smith, b. in New Bedford, 15 Feb., 1843; d. 23 April, 1847.
- 494 iii Daniel Herbert⁷ Smith, b. in New Bedford, 10 Jan., 1845; m. Helen A. Lane, 26 May, 1869.
- 495 iv Leonard Dexter⁷ Smith, b. in Rutland, 1 Nov., 1848; m. Emma J. Kinney, 5 July, 1904.
- 496 v Mary Addie Adelia⁷ Smith, b. in Rutland, 17 Nov., 1850; d. 21 June, 1854.
- 497 vi Carrie Barstow⁷ Smith, b. in Rutland, 14 May, 1854; m. George S. Russell, 15 May, 1878.

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Edward⁶ Dexter, son of Edward⁵ [Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Babcock] Dexter, was born 13 Nov., 1766, and died 18 Sept., 1845. He married Biah Barlow.

Six children:

- 498 i Mary⁷ Dexter, b. —; m. James Ripner, 29 March, 1832.
- 499 ii Susan⁷ Dexter, b. 1810; d. 10 May, 1887; m. Edward Ripner.
- 500 iii Allen⁷ Dexter, b. 1807; d. 29 April, 1878; m. Phebe Heard, 24 April, 1842.
- 501 iv James⁷ Dexter, b. 24 Nov., —; d. 22 May, 1856; m. Hannah Mendall, 22 Aug., 1836.
- 502 v Wilson⁷ Dexter, b. —. No family.
- 503 vi Edward⁷ Dexter, b. —. No family.

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Captain Samuel⁶ Dexter, son of Edward⁵ [Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Babcock] Dexter, was born 30 Sept., 1773, and died 30 Sept., 1856. He married Meroy Keen in 1800. Captain Dexter moved to Smithfield, N. Y.,

about 1815 and bought a farm, which was always the family home.

Twelve children :

- 504 i Sarah⁷ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 2 Oct., 1802; d. in infancy.
- 505 ii Perries⁷ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 17 Sept., 1803; d. in infancy.
- 506* iii Sumner⁷ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 23 March, 1805; d. 7 March, 1868; m. Deborah Edwards, 13 July, 1837.
- 507 iv Mary⁷ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 4 April, 1807; d. 3 Feb., 1849; m. (1) Cornelius Stewart, 1829; (2) Otis P. Granger, 1837.
- 508 v John Albert⁷ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 11 Feb., 1809; d. 20 Nov., 1863.
- 509⁻ vi Jane⁷ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 4 May, 1811; d. 12 Nov., 1867; m. Frederick Ward.
- 510* vii Caroline⁷ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 11 Nov., 1812; d. 7 April, 1870; m. Ona White, 24 Dec., 1834.
- 511* viii James⁷ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 21 Dec., 1814; d. 14 May, 1861; m. Pamela Dexter, 20 Sept., 1849.
- 512* ix Samuel⁷ Dexter, Jr., b. in Smithfield, N. Y., 17 Jan., 1816; d. 28 Jan., 1888; m. Mary Coon, 8 Jan., 1841.
- 513 x Charlotte⁷ Dexter, b. in Smithfield, N. Y., 28 Feb., 1818; d. 25 May, 1874.
- 514* xi Sarah M.⁷ Dexter, b. in Smithfield, N. Y., 24 Dec., 1819; d. 26 May, 1894; m. James A. Parmelee, 13 Oct., 1842. He died 15 Nov., 1854, leaving three children.
- 515* xii David H.⁷ Dexter, b. in Smithfield, N. Y., 5 March, 1822; d. 25 March, 1863; m. Mary Dana, 1848.

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Joseph⁶ Dexter, son of Benjamin⁵ [Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Priscilla [Benson] Dexter, was born 3 July, 1759. He married Mary Luce, 14 Oct., 1779.

Seven children, born at Tisbury :

- 516* i Benjamin⁷ Dexter; m. Betsey Hilman, 1809.
- 517* ii Elisha⁷ Dexter; m. Eliza Merry.
- 518 iii Charles⁷ Dexter; m. Sally Baxter, 1808.
- 519* iv Ira⁷ Dexter; m. Harriet Dunham.
- 520⁻ v Joseph⁷ Dexter; m. Charlotte Morton.
- 521 vi Polly⁷ Dexter; m. John Baxter, 27 Jan., 1805.
- 522 vii Priscilla⁷ Dexter; m. Bartlett Allen.

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Noah⁶ Dexter, son of Benjamin⁵ [Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Priscilla [Benson] Dexter, was born 4 June, 1762, and died 25 April, 1816. He married Mary Delano, 27 Nov., 1788.

Eleven children:

- 523 i Sophia⁷ Dexter, b. 12 Dec., 1790; d. 5 Sept., 1813; m. Caleb Handy.
- 524 ii Abner⁷ Dexter, b. 1 Dec., 1792; d. 1826.
- 525 iii Harper D.⁷ Dexter, b. 17 Dec., 1794; d. July, 1821.
- 526 iv Polly⁷ Dexter, b. 13 Feb., 1797; m. Caleb Handy.
- 527 v Cynthia⁷ Dexter, b. 29 Nov., 1799; d. 1882; m. Andrew Allen.
- 528 vi Lydia D.⁷ Dexter, b. 6 July, 1802; d. 13 Apr., 1819.
- 529 vii Elizabeth⁷ Dexter, b. 23 Jan., 1804; d. 8 Nov., 1819.
- 530⁺ viii Rodolphus W.⁷ Dexter, b. 15 April, 1806; d. 25 April, 1862; m.
(1) Andria C. Fuller, 1833; (2) Mary H. Taber, 12 Dec., 1838.
- 531 ix Mary Ann⁷ Dexter, b. 28 Sept., 1808; d. 13 Oct., 1808.
- 532 x Priscilla⁷ Dexter, b. 3 June, 1810; d. 29 Nov., 1810.
- 533 xi Charlotte⁷ Dexter, b. 17 Feb., 1812; m. Frederick Barden.

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Benjamin⁶ Dexter, son of Benjamin⁵ [Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Priscilla [Benson] Dexter, was born 18 July, 1778, and died 14 Sept., 1846. He married Ruth Delano, 1 Jan., 1797.

Nine children:

- 534 i Priscilla⁷ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 6 April, 1807; d. 7 Oct., 1896; m. Hezekiah Coleman, 10 Feb., 1830.
- 535⁺ ii Lucy⁷ Dexter, b. 5 March, 1809; m. Timothy Clifton, 6 Jan., 1833.
- 536 iii Josiah⁷ Dexter, b. 17 Sept., 1810; d. 8 Nov., 1890; m. Mary Wing, 8 Sept., 1811.
- 537 iv Mary A.⁷ Dexter, b. 27 Sept., 1812; d. 30 Dec., 1890.
- 538⁺ v Lydia⁷ Dexter, b. 5 Feb., 1814; m. James Hammett, 8 Oct., 1836.

- 539* vi Benjamin⁷ Dexter, b. 1 June, 1817; d. 17 April, 1879; m. Elizabeth Delano, 1 June, 1841.
- 540 vii Sylvia⁷ Dexter, b. 30 May, 1819; m. Thomas Caswell, 8 Aug., 1843.
- 541* viii Rufus⁷ Dexter, b. 7 Feb., 1821; m. Elizabeth Washburn, 1 June, 1848.
- 542 ix Ruth⁷ Dexter, b. 5 March, 1823; d. 27 Jan., 1890; single.

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Isaac⁶ Dexter, son of Jonathan⁵ [Benjamin⁴, Benjamin⁴, William³, Thomas²] and Hannah [Vincent] Dexter, was born at Dartmouth, Mass., 15 Oct., 1751, and died in 1848. He married Anna Foster of Chilmark, Mass. He moved to Liverpool, Nova Scotia, where their children were born.

Children:

- I. John⁷ Dexter, b. 15 Feb., 1777; m. Waty Atkins, 27 Oct., 1802. Two children:
 1. Catherine, b. 17 Sept., 1803; m. Joseph Annis, 1823.
 2. Mary, b. 25 June, 1805.
- II. Azubah⁷ Dexter, b. 1779; d. 1779.
- III. Annie⁷ Dexter, b. 6 Aug., 1781; d. 23 Sept., 1808; m. Henry⁸ Paygent, 31 Aug., 1802.
 1. Henry A.⁸ Paygent, b. 25 Dec., 1803.
 2. Cynthia⁸ Paygent, b. 19 Nov., 1805.
 3. Mary Ann⁸ Paygent, b. 21 Jan., 1808.
- IV. Mary⁷ Dexter, b. 25 June, 1784; d. 25 Dec., 1856; m. Rev. William Paygent, 1 Jan., 1806. They had eleven children, born in Antigonish, Nova Scotia:
 1. Elizabeth⁸ Paygent, b. 31 Dec., 1806; m. John Paygent, 1829.
 2. John⁸ Paygent, b. 12 Nov., 1808; m. Mary Ann Curry, 1835.
 3. Mary Ann⁸ Paygent, b. 13 May, 1810; d. 1899; m. Stephen Harvey, 1837.
 4. William H.⁸ Paygent, b. 6 Aug., 1812; drowned in 1820.
 5. Jane⁸ Paygent, b. 2 Jan., 1815; m. Simeon Kempton, 1834.
 6. Lydia⁸ Paygent, b. 18 April, 1817; d. 1903; m. John W. Eaton, 1844.
 7. Margaret⁸ Paygent, b. 18 April, 1820; d. 1874; m. William E. Davison, 1843.
 8. Caroline⁸ Paygent, b. 13 Dec., 1822; d. 1899; m. Joel M. Paygent, 1846.

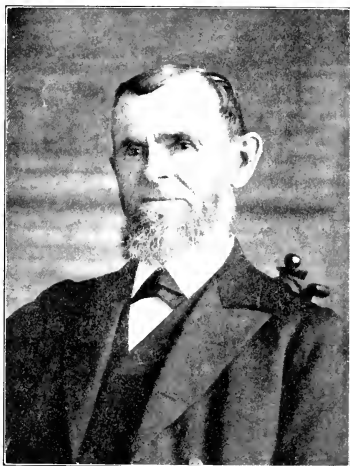
9. Sarahⁿ Paygent, b. 13 Jan., 1825; d. 1904; m. J. P. Chase, 1849.
10. Williamⁿ Paygent, b. 12 Aug., 1827; d. 1885; m. Eliza A. Harris, 1862.
11. Lemiraⁿ Paygent, b. 7 June, 1831; d. 1904; m. Dr. Cox, 1856.
- V. Isaacⁿ Dexter, b. 11 Feb., 1787; d. 1854; m. Mercy Freeman, 13 Dec., 1810. Two children, born in Liverpool, N. S.:
 1. Letitiaⁿ Dexter, b. 2 Dec., 1811.
 2. Annⁿ Dexter, b. June, 1822; m. Thomas Gould.
- VI. Lydiaⁿ Dexter, b. 15 Oct., 1789; m. (1) Captain Benjamin Freeman, 1811; (2) Mathew Park.
- VII. Azubahⁿ Dexter, b. 9 Aug., 1792; d. 9 July, 1828; m. Whitman Freeman, 11 Jan., 1817. Five children, born in Milton, N. S.:
 1. Elizaⁿ Freeman, b. 8 Oct., 1818; d. 1820.
 2. George W.^s Freeman, b. 15 March, 1820.
 3. Eliza Annⁿ Freeman, b. 16 May, 1822.
 4. Alfredⁿ Freeman, b. 30 April, 1824; d. 13 Feb., 1846.
 5. Mary A.ⁿ Freeman, b. 7 April, 1826; m. Charles M. Ford.
- VIII. Josephⁿ Dexter, b. 9 March, 1795; m. Jerusha Herrington, 10 Dec., 1823. Five children, born in Brooklyn, N. S.:
 1. Mary Elizaⁿ Dexter; m. Edward McLeod.
 2. (Hon.) L. Vincentⁿ Dexter; m. Agnes Gould. Son, Isaac V.ⁿ Dexter, m. Janet Starrett.
 3. Azubahⁿ Dexter; m. Captain Edward McLeod.
 4. (Capt.) Joseph H.ⁿ Dexter; m. — McLeod.
 5. Theresaⁿ Dexter; m. Captain Jason Gardner.
- IX. Listhaⁿ Dexter, b. 1798; d. 1800.

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Ebenezerⁿ Dexter, son of Ebenezerⁿ [Benjaminⁿ, Benjaminⁿ, Williamⁿ, Thomasⁿ] and Lydia [Ryder] Dexter, was born in Dartmouth, 20 July, 1766, and died in 1835. He married Azubah Godfrey.

Children:

- I. Josephⁿ Dexter, b. —; lost at sea.
- II. Johnⁿ Dexter, b. —; lost at sea.
- III. Henryⁿ Dexter, b. —; m. Ann Smith. Had four children, Williamⁿ, Danielⁿ, Israelⁿ, Ellenⁿ.
- IV. Robertsⁿ Dexter.
- V. Ebenezerⁿ Dexter.



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VI. Catherine⁷ Dexter.

VII. Godfrey⁷ Dexter, b. —; m. Cynthia Gardner. Son, John A.⁸ Dexter, b. in Nova Scotia, 17 Sept., 1826; m. Kate Myra; had six children: Arthur⁹, Edward⁹, William⁹, Kate⁹, Rebecca⁹ and David⁹, all born in Nova Scotia.

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Enoch⁶ Dexter, son of Ebenezer⁵ [Benjamin⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Lydia [Ryder] Dexter, was born in 1771 at Dartmouth, and died in 1831. He married Salome Pindel, 9 Nov., 1794.

One child:

1. Smith⁷ Dexter, b. 1817; d. 1889; m. Sophronia Gardner and had seven children, all born in Brooklyn, Nova Scotia:
 1. Jedidah⁸ Dexter; m. Henry Gardner.
 2. Eunice⁸ Dexter; m. Captain William Cook.
 3. Barzillias⁸ Dexter; m. Susan Gardner.
 4. Azubah⁸ Dexter; m. Joseph Brown.
 5. Cecilia⁸ Dexter; m. William Peach.
 6. Willoughby⁸ Dexter; m. Jessie Antony.
 7. Mary⁸ Dexter; m. Charles Peach.

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Samuel⁶ Dexter, son of Ebenezer⁵ [Benjamin⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Lydia [Ryder] Dexter, was born in Dartmouth in 1773, and died 1831. He married Hannah Godfrey, 12 March, 1799.

Ten children, all born in Brooklyn, N. S.:

- I. Melinda⁷ Dexter, b. 30 July, 1800.
- II. Enoch⁷ Dexter, b. 8 Feb., 1802; m. Hannah Burk, 18 Jan., 1827. Children: William E.⁸ Dexter, Matildy⁸ Dexter and Jerusha⁸ Dexter, who married Geo. Middlemas.
- III. Susanna⁷ Dexter, b. 10 March, 1804; m. John Kempton, 20 Feb., 1823.
- IV. Warren⁷ Dexter, b. 11 March, 1805; m. Mary S. Kempton; d. 17 June, 1872. She was b. 6 March, 1801; d. 9 Nov., 1871. They had six children, all b. in Brooklyn, N. S.:

- 1 Susannah⁶ Dexter, b. 7 Sept., 1832; m. Alexander Wharton, 1854.
- 2 Mary Eliza⁶ Dexter, b. 31 May, 1836; m. Joseph B. Freeman, 1856.
- 3 Hannah⁶ Dexter, b. 4 July, 1838; m. Hezekiah H. Harris, 1865.
- 4 Sarah⁶ Dexter, b. 29 July, 1840; m. Benajah Miner, 1868.
- 5 Joseph⁶ Dexter, b. 19 April, 1843; d. 1849.
- 6 John Kempton⁶ Dexter, b. 7 Dec., 1844; m. Martha Kempton, 1872. They had seven children, b. in Milton, N. S.:
 - 1 Mary Snow⁷ Dexter, b. 18 May, 1873; m. Wm. Snow, 1899.
 - 2 Jessie M.⁷ Dexter, b. 15 March, 1875; m. James Mills, 1901.
 - 3 Harvey K.⁷ Dexter, b. 4 May, 1877; d. 18 April, 1882.
 - 4 William S.⁷ Dexter, b. 9 Nov., 1879; d. 9 Oct., 1898.
 - 5 Clifford H.⁷ Dexter, b. 9 April, 1882.
 - 6 Warren J.⁷ Dexter, b. 28 Oct., 1883.
 - 7 Harris H.⁷ Dexter, b. 14 Sept., 1886.
- V. Ebenezer⁷ Dexter.
- VI. Samuel⁷ Dexter, m. Rebecca Gardner.
- VII. Nathaniel⁷ Dexter, b. 1826; m. Charlotte Gardner.
- VIII. James⁷ Dexter, unmarried.
- IX. Thomas⁷ Dexter, died at sea.
- X. Joseph⁷ Dexter, d. on shipboard.

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Jonathan⁶ Dexter, son of David⁵ [Josiah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Sarah [Allen] Dexter, was born 22 Feb., 1782. He married Mary Studley, 17 March, 1805.

Eight children, five born in Rochester, Mass.:

- 543 i Elizabeth⁷ Dexter, b. 10 Aug., 1807; d. 10 July, 1815.
- 544 ii Thankful⁷ Dexter, b. 19 June, 1809; m. 17 Oct., 1810.
- 545 iii Sarah Allen⁷ Dexter, b. 4 Jan., 1815; d. 18 Jan., 1815.
- 546⁶ iv Jonathan K.⁷ Dexter, b. Rochester, 12 Feb., 1812; m. Clarinda Smith, 26 Nov., 1838.
- 547 v Pamela⁷ Dexter, b. 26 Dec., 1815; d. 4 Dec., 1882; m. James Dexter, 20 Sept., 1849.
- 548 vi Maria⁷ Dexter, b. 10 July, 1818; d. 25 March, 1841; never m.
- 549 vii Samuel⁷ Dexter, b. 22 Jan., 1824; single.
- 550 viii Sarah Abigail⁷ Dexter, b. Falmouth, 15 Feb., 1829; m. William Edwards.

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E. Allen⁶ Dexter, son of David⁵ [Josiah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Sarah [Allen] Dexter, was born

13 Jan., 1792, and died 30 June, 1848. He married (1) Cynthia Pitcher, 1827; (2) Martha Mayhew, 11 March, 1834.

Three children by first wife and two by second:

- 551 i David B.⁷ Dexter, b. 11 Dec., 1828; d. 10 Oct., 1829.
- 552 ii Allen M.⁷ Dexter, b. 11 Dec., 1828; d. 28 Aug., 1830.
- 553 iii David⁷ Dexter, b. 24 July, 1831; d. 25 April, 1832.
- 554* iv Martha M.⁷ Dexter, b. 12 July, 1836; m. Noah Hammond, 2 June, 1861.
- 555 v Stephen⁷ Dexter, b. 10 Jan., 1839; no family.

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Deacon Constant⁶ Dexter, son of Isaac⁵ [Constant⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Kezia [Wing] Dexter, was born 9 Aug., 1767, and died 26 March, 1842. He married Rebecca Billington.

Five children, born in Wayne:

- 556 i Mercy⁷ Dexter, b. 20 Jan., 1796; m. Samuel Besse.
- 557 ii Lois⁷ Dexter, b. 27 Feb., 1797; d. 13 April, 1883; m. Elisha Besse.
- 558 iii Elizabeth⁷ Dexter, b. 7 Nov., 1798; d. 18 March, 1875; m. Seth Hammond.
- 559* iv John⁷ Dexter, b. 23 June, 1800; d. Oct., 1887; m. Mary Shaw.
- 560 v Samuel⁷ Dexter, b. 11 Aug., 1805; d. 3 Aug., 1857; m. Mary Bean.

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Freeman⁶ Dexter, son of Isaac⁵ [Constant⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Kezia [Wing] Dexter, was born ———. He married Polly ———.

Fourteen children:

- 561 i Nathaniel⁷ Dexter, b. 15 Aug., 1795.
- 562 ii Erwin⁷ Dexter, b. 15 Jan., 1797.
- 563 iii Freeman⁷ Dexter, b. 12 Dec., 1798.
- 564 iv Sumner⁷ Dexter, b. 26 Oct., 1800.
- 565 v Amasa⁷ Dexter, b. 18 Feb., 1803.
- 566 vi Mary⁷ Dexter, b. 26 Oct., 1804.

- 567 vii Alonzo⁷ Dexter, b. 2 Nov., 1806.
- 568 viii Louisa⁷ Dexter, b. 2 Nov., 1806.
- 569 ix Gideon⁷ Dexter, b. 3 Oct., 1808.
- 570 x Hannah⁷ Dexter, b. 23 April, 1810.
- 571 xi Charles S.⁷ Dexter, b. 27 Feb., 1812.
- 572 xii Meribah⁷ Dexter, b. 13 May, 1814.
- 573 xiii Betsey⁷ Dexter, b. 20 Jan., 1816.
- 574^x xiv Stephen T.⁷ Dexter, b. 19 April, 1818.

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Isaac⁶ Dexter, son of Isaac⁵ [Constant⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Kezia [Wing] Dexter, was born 18 Feb., 1783, and died 21 Aug., 1864. He married Sally Wing, 1803.

Six children, born in Wayne:

- 575 i Anson⁷ Dexter, b. 18 Jan., 1807; d. 3 Dec., 1821.
- 576 ii Francis⁷ Dexter, b. 28 Nov., 1808; m. Mary A. Boynton.
- 577 iii Robinson⁷ Dexter, b. 13 May, 1810; m. (1) Betsey Bean; (2) Matilda Gould.
- 578 iv Sylvia⁷ Dexter, b. 29 Sept., 1816; d. 11 Sept., 1878.
- 579 v Sarah⁷ Dexter, b. 30 Aug., 1818; d. 9 Aug., 1837.
- 580 vi Nancy⁷ Dexter, b. 25 July, 1820; d. 2 May, 1843.

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Deacon Amasa⁶ Dexter, son of Isaac⁵ [Constant⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Kezia [Wing] Dexter, was born 6 July, 1786, and died 30 Aug., 1874. He married Martha Burgess 28 Oct., 1807.

Eight children, born in Wayne:

- 581 i Alice S.⁷ Dexter, b. 18 Aug., 1808; d. 11 April, 1814.
- 582^v ii Lewis⁷ Dexter, b. 8 April, 1810; d. 11 Feb., 1889; m. (1) Mitatlah Norris, 1834; (2) Mary Dexter 10 Nov., 1859.
- 583 iii Solon⁷ Dexter, b. 11 Dec., 1813; d. 27 March, 1814.
- 584^v iv Rev. Henry V.⁷ Dexter, b. 3 April, 1815; d. 22 July, 1884; m. (1) Nancy C. Herrick, 1845; (2) Mary E. Boardman, 1851.
- 585 v Alice S.⁷ Dexter, b. 11 Feb., 1818.
- 586 vi Harriet N.⁷ Dexter, b. 28 Sept., 1820; m. James B. Turner, 2 March, 1847.

- 587* vii Edward G.⁷ Dexter, b. 9 April, 1824; m. (1) Harriett R. Thomas, 6 Oct., 1851; (2) Mary L. Lamson, 3 July, 1864.
 588 viii Martha A.⁷ Dexter, b. 5 Oct., 1830; m. Harvey A. Lowell, 15 June, 1856.

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Benjamin⁶ Dexter, son of Samuel⁵ [Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Thankful [Freeman] Dexter, was born 17 March, 1760, in Hardwick, Mass., and died 16 Aug., 1792. He married Anna Mayo of Rutland, Mass., 10 Oct., 1784. She was a descendant of Rev. John Mayo, first minister of North Church, Boston.

Two children:

- 589 i Judah⁷ Dexter, b. 1788; d. 31 March, 1790.
 590 ii John Freeman⁷ Dexter, b. ———; removed to St. Albans, Vt.; m. Comfort Haskall, 14 Jan., 1812. Child, Mary Melisse, b. 6 June, 1813.

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Mary⁶ Dexter, daughter of Samuel⁵ [Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Clark] Dexter, was born in Hardwick, 18 Jan., 1763. She married John Gorham, son of Stephen and Sarah [Freeman (daughter of Deacon John)] Gorham, 3 June, 1784. He was born in 1759 and died in Barre, 24 April, 1847.

Five children:

- 591 i Thomas⁷ Gorham, b. 1784; d. 15 Dec., 1867, at Barre; m. Hannah Ulter, 12 Dec., 1811.
 592* ii Susan⁷ Gorham, b. ———; m. Nathan Taylor; pub. 27 Nov., 1806.
 593 iii John⁷ Gorham, bapt. Feb., 1805.
 594 iv Sally⁷ Gorham, bapt. 24 March, 1805.
 595 v De La Fayette⁷ Gorham, bapt. 24 March, 1805.

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Eleazer⁶ Dexter, son of Samuel⁵ [Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Thankful [Freeman] Dexter, was

born in Hardwick, Mass., 5 July, 1765. He married (1) Abigail Dexter, 8 April, 1782; (2) Charity Williams, pub. 18 June, 1786; she was born in 1768, and died 3 June, 1838, age 70. He was a pensioner of the United States. He died in 1813.

Eleven children, all by second wife:

- 596 i Abigail⁷ Dexter, b. 14 March, 1787; d. 5 July, 1860; m. Martin Ruggles, 27 Feb., 1816.
- 597* ii Bethsheba⁷ Carver Dexter, b. 22 Feb., 1789; d. 29 Sept., 1855; m. Silas Newton, 20, 21 June, 1810.
- 598 iii Alma⁷ Dexter, b. 1791; d. 26 Jan., 1803.
- 599 iv Arethusa⁷ Dexter, b. 1793; d. 18 Jan., 1803.
- 600* v Charity Williams⁷ Dexter, b. 5 Aug., 1795; m. Gardner Newton, pub. 17 Sept., 1827.
- 601* vi Joseph Dean⁷ Dexter, b. 31 Aug., 1797; m. Oliver Gould, 15 Nov., 1818.
- 602 vii Seth⁷ Dexter, b. 1800; d. 2 Aug., 1803.
- 603 viii Willard⁷ Dexter, b. 13 Sept., 1802.
- 604* ix Arethusa⁷ Dexter, b. 7 Jan., 1805; m. John Johnson, 5 Oct., 1828.
- 605 x Thankful Freeman⁷ Dexter, bapt. 1 Sept., 1811; m. Levi Stevens.
- 606 xi Eleazer⁷ Dexter, b. 7 July, 1813; was a famous musician and showman residing in Reading, Vt.

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Samuel⁶ Dexter, son of Samuel⁵ [Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Thankful [Freeman] Dexter, was born 9 May, 1773, and died 24 March, 1861. He married Sally, daughter of Jacob Williams, 15 Dec., 1796; she was born at Middleboro, 1775, and died 1867, age 92. He was Ensign, 1800; Lieutenant, 1801; Captain, 1806; selectman, 1811, 1814, 1829.

Three children:

- 607 i Benjamin⁷ Dexter, b. 6 July, 1798; d. 8 May, 1816.
- 608* ii William⁷ Dexter, b. 7 April, 1800; d. 1836; m. Maria Knowlton, 3 June, 1828.
- 609- iii Alma⁷ Dexter, b. 11 Nov., 1804; m. Joseph Newcomb, pub. 11 Feb., 1828; d. 1840. They had four minor children in 1840 when the father died. John Raymond was appointed guardian to the children; Samuel Dexter and Joseph Stone were appointed administrators; estate valued at \$3800.

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Jedediah⁶ Dexter, son of Samuel⁵ [Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Thankful [Freeman] Dexter, was born in Hardwick, 26 Oct., 1777. He married Abigail Eager, 29 Dec., 1798; she died 23 Aug., 1828. He was a blacksmith; sold his wife's interest in farm at Rutland to John Wheeler of Rutland in 1819. He died 1 Jan., 1827; left his estate to wife, valued at £919. Samuel Dexter was executor.

Nine children:

- 610 i Jane⁷ Dexter, b. 1800; d. 20 Feb., 1802.
- 611 ii Horace⁷ Dexter, b. 26 Nov., 1802; d. 22 Oct., 1826.
- 612* iii Mary⁷ Dexter, b. 11 June, 1805; m. Milton Peck, 20 Oct., 1823.
- 613 iv Thirza⁷ Dexter, bapt. 18 Sept., 1808; d. 19 Feb., 1809.
- 614 v Elliot Beckwith⁷ Dexter, b. 1810; d. 27 Aug., 1813.
- 615 vi Sally Beckwith⁷ Dexter, b. 6 May, 1812; d. 18 July, 1830.
- 616 vii Crighton⁷ Dexter, bapt. 7 May, 1816; d. same day.
- 617 viii Samuel⁷ Dexter, bapt. 24 Nov., 1817.
- 618 ix Luthera⁷ Gorham Dexter, bapt. 27 Jan., 1820; m. Ebenezer P. Staples of Taunton, 26 April, 1841; brickmaker, son of Ebenezer and Susanna Staples, b. 1818. After her death he m. Mary A. Peck, niece to his first wife, 1845.

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Jonathan⁶ Dexter, son of Samuel⁵ [Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹], was born in Hardwick, 1786, and died 14 March, 1856, at Hubbardston, Mass. He married Roxana Dean of Raynham; pub. 29 June, 1812; she was born 1789 and died 5 Sept., 1872, age 83.

Five children:

- 619* i Cassadra⁷ Dexter, b. 1 Sept., 1813; m. Lemuel F. Taylor, 9 April, 1835.
- 620 ii Jonathan⁷ Dexter, b. 23 Oct., 1815. Removed to Missouri.
- 621 iii Benjamin⁷ Dexter, b. 28 Dec., 1817.
- 622 iv Samuel B.⁷ Dexter, b. 10 May, 1825; d. 15 Feb., 1827.
- 623 v Child b. and d. Oct., 1827.

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Miriam⁶ Dexter, daughter of Ichabod⁵ [Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Abigail [] Dexter, was born in Hardwick. She married Asa Hedge of Hardwick, 31 May, 1780. He was born in 1756 and served in the Revolutionary War. He was the son of Elisha² Hedge and Deliverance Hedge; the father served in the French and Indian War, and also in the War of the Revolution, serving in latter war with his three sons, John, Solomon and Asa. His grandfather, Elisha¹ Hedge of Shrewsbury, who married Martha, the daughter of Daniel Johnson of Marlboro, lived in Shrewsbury, Boston, Worcester, Marlboro, Barre and Hardwick. He was styled tailor in 1745; shopkeeper, 1761; trader, 1765; gentleman, 1767. He served also as a commissary in the French War, 1755. He died in Barre, 1788.

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Lucy⁶ Dexter, daughter of Ichabod⁵ [Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Abigail [] Dexter, was born 6 July, 1762, and died 1833. She married Moses Cheney, Jr., of Warwick, 4 July, 1782; was in Orange, 1791. He was born in Newton, 28 Feb., 1759, and died 27 April, 1833. He was selectman of Orange, 1800, 1801, 1802. He was supposed to be a descendant of Ebenezer or Nathaniel Cheney of Milford.

Eleven children:

- 624 i Milla⁷ Cheney, b. 24 March, 1784; d. 1817; m. David Holden.
- 625 ii Samuel⁷ Cheney, b. 11 March, 1786; d. 1796.
- 626* iii Luther⁷ Cheney, b. 9 May, 1788; d. 1848; m. Sabra Allen.
- 627 iv Hannah⁷ Cheney, b. 24 Oct., 1789; d. 1867; m. Nathan Parmenter.
- 628 v Abigail⁷ Cheney, b. 1792.
- 629 vi Moses⁷ Cheney, b. 22 May, 1794; m. Ruth Cheney, 4 March, 1823; b. 7 Oct., 1795.
- 630 vii Lucy⁷ Cheney, b. 13 Aug., 1797; d. 1802.
- 631 viii Samuel⁷ Cheney, b. 17 Sept., 1799; m. Mary Ann Rice.

- 632 ix John⁷ Cheney, b. 26 Feb., 1802; m. Harriet Thurston.
 633 x Edward⁷ Turner Cheney, b. 31 July, 1804; m. Mary Johnson.
 634* xi Rhoda⁷ Battle Cheney, 27 Sept., 1806; m. Adams French, Jr., 3
 April, 1825; (2) Cheney Lewis, b. 1798; d. 14 Jan., 1861.

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Lydia⁶ Dexter, daughter of Ichabod⁵ [Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Abigail [] Dexter, was born ———, and died 27 April, 1844. She married Sherman Battle of Orange; he was born in 1775 and died in 1837.

Nine children:

- 635 i Ichabod⁷ Dexter Battle, b. 5 March, 1801.
 636 ii Elizabeth⁷ Battle, b. 15 July, 1802.
 637 iii Lydia⁷ Battle, b. 3 Nov., 1803.
 638 iv Lourinda⁷ Battle, b. 26 Dec., 1805.
 639 v Rhoda⁷ Battle, b. 27 March, 1808.
 640 vi Phineas⁷ Parkman Battle, b. 21 May, 1811.
 641 vii Clarissa⁷ Battle, b. 5 Nov., 1815.
 642 viii Mary C.⁷ Battle, b. 21 March, 1818.
 643 ix Esther⁷ Battle, b. 28 March, 1819.

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John⁶ Dexter, son of Job⁵ [Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mercy [Hinkley] Dexter, was born in Hardwick, 3 Jan., 1769. He married (1) Lucy Dennis, 1 Dec., 1803; she died 15 Dec., 1817, age 31 years; (2) Persis Gilbert, 29 July, 1821. He was a farmer. He died 7 May, 1836. Estate valued at \$4069. Lucy Dennis was daughter of Adonjah and Eunice [Sibley] Dennis. Adonjah was born 1759 and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He died in 1844. His wife was Eunice Sibley of New Salem, born 1760 and died 1842. The father of Adonjah was Samuel Dennis, a Baptist minister, born in Sutton; removed to Petersham, where he preached several years, and afterwards to Hardwick, where he died, 1784.

Seven children, five by first wife, two by second:

- 644 i Anna Wheeler⁷ Dexter, b. 17 Oct., 1804; m. Amos K. Smith of Wendell, 12 June, 1826.
- 645* ii Foster Dennis⁷ Dexter, b. 19 July, 1806; d. New Salem, 3 March, 1865; m. Phebe ———.
- 646 iii Fanny Beckwith⁷ Dexter, b. 13 Feb., 1809; m. Rufus Day of New Salem, 22 Nov., 1830.
- 647 iv Job⁷ Dexter, b. 28 Nov., 1811; d. in Barre 1 April, 1849; m. Rhoda P. ———. One child.
- 648 v Mercy Hinkley⁷ Dexter, b. 20 May, 1815; d. 8 May, 1847; m. David L. Winslow of Barre, 22 March, 1837.
- 649 vi Henry Walker⁷ Dexter, b. 22 Oct., 1821; d. 21 May, 1900.
- 650 vii Horace⁷ Dexter, b. 26 Sept., 1825; d. 17 May, 1900.

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Anna Dexter,⁶ daughter of Job⁵ [Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mercy [Hinkley] Dexter, was born in Hardwick, 22 July, 1770. She married Thomas⁶ Wheeler, Jr., of Hardwick, 3 June, 1790. He was born in Hardwick, 3 March, 1767, and was a descendant of George¹ Wheeler of Concord, 1638; one of the first settlers of Concord. Thomas⁶ Wheeler was a very ingenious blacksmith and iron founder. He was long in the military service, was Captain in 1801; Major in 1811; Colonel in 1813. He resided in Hardwick until 1818, when he moved to Ticonderoga, N. Y.; returned in 1830, and died in Worcester, Mass., 26 April, 1851, aged 84. He was buried in the family lot in the old cemetery at Hardwick, Mass., where subsequently a monument was erected by his son, William Augustus. His wife died 20 March, 1804, and he married Mary, daughter of Timothy Paige, 14 Feb., 1805. She died in 1828 and he married twice afterwards. Seven children by first wife, and eight by second wife.

Children by first wife:

- 651 i Charles⁷ Wheeler, b. 26 March, 1791.
- 652 ii A child, b. ———; d. 2 May, 1793.
- 653 iii Sally⁷ Wheeler, b. 28 April, 1794; m. 3 Nov., 1814, Daniel Wheeler.

- 654 iv A child, b. ———; d. in infancy.
 655* v William Augustus⁷ Wheeler, b. 30 March, 1798.
 656 vi A child, b. Nov., 1800; d. 26 Jan., 1801.
 657 vii A child, b. ———; d. 4 July, 1802.

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Ruth⁶ Dexter, daughter of Job⁵ [Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mercy [Hinkley] Dexter, was born 20 March, 1773, and died 1847. She married David Allen, Jr., son of David and Lydia Allen of Hardwick. He died 3 Feb., 1835, leaving wife and four daughters and one son. The will gave wife one-third real estate together with one bedstead and bedding; eldest daughter, \$1; second daughter, \$5; third daughter, \$10; youngest daughter, \$5; grandson, Frederick Allen, his gig; only son, Willard Allen, all the rest and residue if he will pay all debts and support youngest daughter, Anna, until her marriage. Son to be executor; Moses Allen, Anson F. Allen, Daniel Wheeler, witnesses.

Five children:

- 658 i Elthera⁷ Allen, b. ———; m. Gleason.
 659 ii Clarissa⁷ Allen, b. ———; m. Amaziah Spooner of Amherst, 1825.
 660 iii Sarah B.⁷ Allen, b. ———.
 661 iv Anna⁷ Allen, b. ———.
 662 v Willard⁷ Allen, b. ———. Had son, Frederick Allen, mentioned in grandfather's will.

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Deacon Ichabod⁶ Dexter, son of Job⁵ [Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Walker] Dexter, was born 19 Dec., 1775, and died 11 May, 1851, aged 76, at Hardwick. He was a farmer, sold his wife's interest in farm at Rutland to John Wheeler of Rutland, in 1819. He was deacon of church. He married (1) Sally Eager, 5 May, 1803; she died 25 July, 1821, age 40; (2) Alice Amidon, 26 March, 1822; she died 26 June, 1830, age 39.

Five children by first wife and four by second:

- 663 i One child, b. March, 1804; d. April, 1804.
- 664⁺ ii Zenas Hinkley⁷ Dexter, b. 9 May, 1806; m. (1) Sarah Penniman,
1831; (2) Lucinda Wood, 28 Aug., 1837.
- 665 iii Harriet Jane⁷ Dexter, b. 15 April, 1810; d. 26 Aug., 1835; un-
married.
- 666⁺ iv Edward⁷ Dexter, b. 3 Nov., 1811; m. Louisa Powers, 6 June,
1842.
- 667 v Philena⁷ Dexter, b. 23 May, 1815; d. 5 Sept., 1839; unmarried.
- 668⁺ vi Hannah⁷ Dexter, b. 26 March, 1823; m. Lysander Powers; pub.
21 May, 1842.
- 669 vii Sally⁷ Dexter, b. 6 May, 1825; m. James P. Fay, 8 April, 1845.
- 670 viii Ruth⁷ Dexter, b. 30 May, 1827; m. Zenas D. Tinney of Newburg,
Mo., 6 Nov., 1856.
- 671 ix John Bangs⁷ Dexter, b. 30 July, 1829. At the death of his
mother in 1830, he was adopted by uncle, Elijah Bangs, and
removed to Springfield, Mo. He was Mayor; served in the
Civil War; was postal agent with headquarters at Portland,
Ore., and Springfield, Mo.

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Jonathan⁶ Morton, son of Mary⁵ [Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, Wil-
liam², Thomas¹] Dexter, and Benjamin Morton, was born
———. He married (1) Jennie Holt, 1796; (2) Esther
Burnett, 1800.

One child by first wife, two by second:

- 672 i Jane⁷ Morton, m. Daniel Kent.
- 673 ii Hiram⁷ Morton.
- 674 iii Andrew⁷ Morton.

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James⁶ Morton, son of Mary⁵ [Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William²,
Thomas¹] Dexter, and Benjamin Morton, was born ——-.
He married Jerusha or Chloe Furbush.

Five children:

- 675 i James⁷ Morton, b. 1787.
- 676 ii Chloe⁷ Morton, b. 1789.

- 677 iii Chester⁷ Morton, b. ———; m. Rosanna Furbush. Son, James Morton.
 678 iv Betsey⁷ Morton, m. Monzo Stamford.
 679* v Alexander⁷ Morton, b. 1811; m. Martha Wheeler. Two children.

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Esther⁶ Johnson, daughter of Sarah⁵ [Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Solomon Johnson, married Joseph Lord, 1786, son of Thomas⁵ [Joseph⁴, Joseph³, Thomas², Robert¹]. She was born ———, and died ———. After her death her husband married Unity Ruggles, 1805. He was born 26 Oct., 1763, and died 11 July, 1832, age 69. Unity died 10 Feb., 1840, age 59.

Four children:

- 680 i Luther⁷ Lord, b. 9 Dec., 1788.
 681* ii Vashney⁷ Lord, b. 19 May, 1791; d. 20 Sept., 1844; m. Sarah ———.
 682 iii Esther⁷ Lord, b. 15 Aug., 1809.
 683 iv Persis⁷ Lord, b. 15 Aug., 1813; m. (1) Moses Dexter, 13 April, 1837; (2) ——— Jennison.

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Patty⁶ Johnson, daughter of Sarah⁵ [Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter, and Solomon Johnson, was born ———. She married John King.

Two children:

- 684 i Joseph⁷ King, born ———.
 685 ii Luther⁷ King, b. ———. Son, Collings H. King, b. 8 Sept., 1839.

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Sally⁶ Johnson, daughter of Sarah⁵ [Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Solomon Johnson, was born ———. He married Joshua Tucker, son of Robert and Martha Tucker of Hardwick, pub. 10 March, 1799. Robert and Martha came to Hardwick from Morton, Mass., in 1774. Robert died 1805 and Martha 1809. Joshua and Sally moved to New Salem.

Three children:

- 686 i Ebenezer⁷ Tucker, b. 1807; d. in Hardwick, 22 April, 1857.
 687* ii Alfred⁷ Tucker, b. 1808; d. in Hardwick, 1866.
 688 iii Joshua⁷ Tucker, b. 1813; d. in Hardwick, 22 Nov., 1836.

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Hannah⁶ Dexter, daughter of Benjamin⁵ [Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Hannah [Stone] Dexter, was born 5 Dec., 1770, and died 18 Sept., 1858. She married Benjamin Morton, Jr., 13 Oct., 1787. They moved to Florence, Oneida Co., N.Y., in 1806. They went with a team, and it took them eleven days to accomplish the journey. Benjamin bought a farm. In 1814 he moved to Camden, N. Y., and in a letter (1814) to his mother he says that his son Samuel is living on the farm at Florence; that the daughter Eunice lives within a mile of him, and that Clara is at Black River, about 55 miles distant from Camden. Letters are now (1904) in existence written by Lucy in 1815 to her grandparents.

Nine children:

- 689 i Samuel⁷ Morton, b. 1796.
 690 ii Eunice⁷ Morton, m. Jonathan Stanhope, 3 May, 1807.
 691 iii Sally⁷ Morton.
 692 iv Clara⁷ Morton, b. 1785.
 693 v Benjamin⁷ Morton.
 694 vi Mary⁷ Morton, m. William Eddy.
 695 vii Hephzibah⁷ Morton, m. Hosea Bullock.
 696 viii Susan⁷ Morton, m. Lot Sexton.
 697 ix Lucy⁷ Morton, b. 1798; m. Grove R. Johnson.

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Benjamin⁶ Dexter, son of Benjamin⁵ [Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Hannah [Stone] Dexter, was born at Athol, in that part afterwards set off to Orange, 24 Nov.,

1775. He was one of nine children, and the only boy (except one that died when an infant) there was in the family. With the large amount of forest land that his father had to clear, his time must have been fully occupied. What schooling he had was at the district school No. 6. His father was a large owner of real estate, and we find that he had some dealings in it, as in March, 1803, he sold a lot on Lyon Hill, so called, in Athol, of eight acres, near Captain Oliver's house, to Calvin Eaton, and at the same time and to the same person a farm of 113 acres on Lyon Hill; this last he bought of Abraham Nut in 1797. In 1807 he bought of his father a part of the old homestead and leased the balance of it, and from that time on he continued to make that his home. From 1819 to his death, the records show that he conveyed eighteen pieces of property. He and his brother-in-law, John Davis, were the executors of his father's will. His mother, who survived his father many years, made her home with him. He and two of his sisters joined the Methodist class that was held in the vicinity, but after a few years he joined the Baptist Church. He was married four times: his first wife was Hephzibah Ballard of Athol, married April, 1798; she was born 25 April, 1779, and died 28 Dec., 1798. They had no children. He married (2) Anna Barrett of Ashley, N. H., on 11 Oct., 1800; she was born 3 July, 1782, and died 18 Aug., 1803. They had one child. His third wife was Betsey Legg, daughter of David and Hannah Legg of Milford and Orange (see Legg family). She was born 21 May, 1780, and married 27 Nov., 1803, and died 29 July, 1818. They had seven children. His fourth wife was Frances Tuttle, the daughter of Jedediah and Lucia (Smith) Tuttle of Winchendon, Mass. (see Tuttle family). She was born 9 March, 1788, and married 10 Dec., 1818, and died 13 Aug., 1861. They had four children. Benjamin died 18 Sept., 1858, age 83 years.

Twelve children:

- 698 i Hephzibah⁷ Dexter, b. 25 Dec., 1802; d. 27 June, 1846; m. Edward Ballard in 1841; he died 9 Feb., 1847, age 63. No children.

- 699 ii Stephen^r Dexter, b. in Orange, 25 Sept., 1804; d. 29 May, 1832.
 700 iii Anna^r Dexter, b. in Orange, 31 March, 1806; d. 1849; m. Job Fry, 1834; he d. 1868.
 701 iv Amasa^r Dexter, b. in Orange, 5 Dec., 1808; d. 1883; m. Roanna Allen; she died 2 June, 1861, age 59.
 702 v Moses^r Dexter, b. in Orange, 26 Jan., 1811; d. 22 Dec., 1846; m. Persis Lord, 13 April, 1837.
 703 vi David^r Dexter, b. in Orange, 10 April, 1813; d. 9 Aug., 1880; m. Maria Hubbard of Boylston, 1835.
 704 vii Aaron^r Dexter, b. in Orange, 12 July, 1815; d. 1896; m. Hester McLean. She was b. 1819; d. 1888.
 705 viii Joseph^r Clark Dexter, b. in Orange, 21 May, 1818; d. 30 Aug., 1820.
 706 ix Simeon^r Dexter, b. in Orange, 30 Aug., 1822; d. 1898; m. Maria L. Hardy, b. 1828.
 707^a x Betsey^r Dexter, b. in Orange, 30 May, 1825; m. Luther Ramsey.
 708^b xi Samuel Stillman^r Dexter, b. in Orange, 4 March, 1829; d. 27 Nov., 1899; m. Maria C. Dewey.
 709^c xii George W.^r Dexter, b. in Orange, 6 April, 1831; m. F. A. Fry, 27 May, 1856.

[COPY OF AN OLD LETTER.]

MONCKTON, 30th of 11th mo., 1806.

RESPECTED FRIENDS B. & H. D.

these lines are to inform that I enjoy my helth better than heretofore. My famly are all in usel helth; also our aged parents and connections are favoured with the same blessing and I hope that these will find you and yours enjoying good helth; I often think of you and your lonely situation as to the opportunity of friend, company, with earnest desires for your preservation in the truth.

Dear Friends, I being acquainted with straits temptations and truly many ways even the winding & twincings of our Souls enemy to discourage dishearten & draw aside from the rite; ya almost redly to give up all hopes at times, yet feel willing to say for all our encouragement there is that that doth at times bare up over it all and I oftenest find it by retireing inward, by getting still and quiet as to the anctious desires and willings and runings of my own mind feeling low and humble wiling to become as it ware a fool in the cyse of the worldly wise for the sake of that that givs peas to the mind and causeth to rejoice in hope; ya by thus waiting upon the Lord for counsil we feel our iner man to be strengthened he that waiteth upon the Lord shall renew his strength also she that waiteth upon the Lord shall renew hêr strength. I hope I may not say to much but feeling a wish for your eternel welfare thought there mite be no harm in pening a few lines byway of encouragement wishing that we may all hold out to the end in

well doing for it is the end that crowns all, therefore it is my ardent desire that we may all follow the lamb wheresoever he leadeth.

So conclude for this your well wishing friend, my wife joins me in kind Love to you all, we also desire to be remembered to all enquiring friends.

please to write to us often as way makes.

Samuel Knowels.

William Legg of Mendon and Milford was perhaps brother of John of Mendon, who was one of Selectmen in 1738-1743. William lived in that part of Mendon that was set off in 1780 and formed the town of Milford. He was one of the relief expedition that marched to Fort William Henry, August, 1757. He was in Capt. Phineas Lovitt's company. He resided on Silver Hill Street and his descendants for three generations occupied the same farm. He married (1) Hannah Nelson, daughter of Gershom and Abigail (Ellithorpe) Nelson. She was born in Rowley, 14 Oct., 1714, and died 3 July, 1755. He married (2) Elizabeth Tenney, 18 Jan., 1759 (no children by second wife). He had seven children, two daughters and five sons. All the sons were in the service during the Revolutionary War and all were in their cousin, Capt. Gershom Nelson's, company.

Five children:

- 1 Gershom Legg, private, b. 1736; m. Mary Underwood in 1757.
- 2 Levi Legg, private, b. 1744; m. (1) Mary Beal, 1767; (2) Keziah Ballard, 1795.
- 3 David Legg, corporal, b. —; m. Hannah Dewing, 14 March, 1779.
- 4 William Legg, private, b. —; m. Hephzibah Corbett, 4 June, 1779.
- 5 Nathaniel Legg, private, b. —; m. Abigail White, 21 Nov., 1771.

William and David moved to Orange, Mass., sometime in 1780 or 1781; and David, who married Hannah Dewing, had Betsey, who was born 21 May, 1780, and married Benjamin Dexter (was his third wife), 27 Nov., 1803. She died 29 July, 1818. (See No. 354.)

REVOLUTIONARY RECORD.—David Legg of Mendon, with Capt. Gershom Nelson's company, marched on alarm of April 19, 1775, to Cambridge and Roxbury; service nine days. Also Capt. Samuel Warren's company, Col. Joseph Reed's 20th Regiment, muster dated 1 Aug., 1775. Enlisted 27

April, 1775; service three months, twelve days. Also company returns dated 26 Sept., 1775.

John¹ Tuttle came over in the "Planter" in 1635. He was free-man in Ipswich, 1639; Representative, 1644; died in 1656, and was born probably 1596. Four children came over with him, and there were six more born here:

Simon² Tuttle, m. Sarah Coggsweil of Ipswich.

Charles² Tuttle, m. Ann Burnham.

Charles¹ Tuttle, b. 1708; m. Ann Jewett. Four children.

Jedediah³ Tuttle, b. 24 Nov., 1753; d. 1783; m. Lucia Smith of Leominster, Mass. Her mother was a "Rogers" and a descendant of "John Rogers the martyr." He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Frances² Tuttle, b. in Winchendon; m. Benjamin Dexter. (See No. 354.)

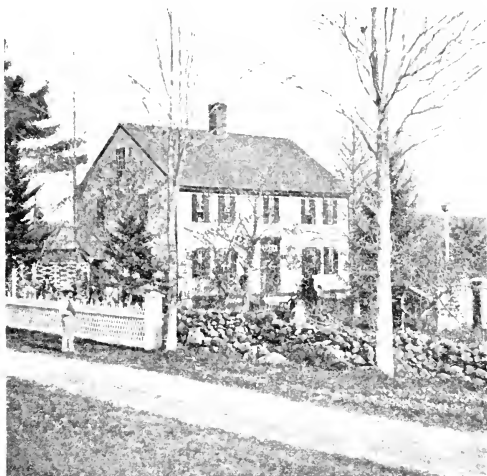


LUCY DEXTER DAVIS.
Wife of John Davis.

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Lucy⁶ Dexter, daughter of Benjamin⁵ [Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Hannah [Stone] Dexter, was born 24 Dec., 1777, and died in Orange, 21 Aug., 1865, age nearly 88 years. She married 21 Aug., 1806, John Davis,

the son of Captain John and Joanna (Hix) Davis of Royalston, Mass. He and his father both served in the Revolutionary War, although John was not then 17 years of age. She was his second wife, he having a family of five children at the time. They moved to Orange and went to keeping house in what is now called the "Sylvester Davis" house and which is shown in cut. In 1815 they bought the farm of her father, Benjamin Dexter, and it was their



THE OLD HOMESTEAD.

home as long as they lived; there all their children were born. At the death of her husband in 1846, the farm was willed to her youngest son, Sylvester, upon condition that he support his mother, and she continued to enjoy a home there until her death in 1865. She was a quiet, unassuming lady, and carried out the ideas of the "Sect of Friends," of which she was a member. The records of the old Methodist class give her as a member in 1817. She received a pension from 1846 until her death, on account of the service

her husband gave during the Revolutionary War. Her husband was a man of more than ordinary standing in the community in which he lived, and was called upon to administer the estates of deceased persons; was selectman of Orange, 1785-86-87 and 1819-20-21. They had six children. Of the eleven children that John Davis had, all but one lived to old age, and all died in the same order in which they were born, which is a singular fact in so large a family. The youngest and last child died but a few months ago.

REVOLUTIONARY RECORD OF JOHN DAVIS (Vol. IV, page 505, Massachusetts Revolution).—John Davis of Royalston, Mass., in list of men mustered by Thomas Newhall, muster master for Worcester County, to serve at Rhode Island until Jan. 1, 1780; Capt. Woodbury's company, Col. Grout's regiment, mustered July 6, 1779; engaged for town of Royalston; also private Capt. Thomas Fisk's company, Col. Nathan Tyler's regiment, enlisted June 28, 1779; service to Dec. 1, 1779; five months, three days at Rhode Island. Also same company and regiment pay-roll for December, 1779. Discharged Dec. 17, 1779; service twenty-two days at Rhode Island. Also same company and regiment pay-roll for December, allowing one month and five days for service in Rhode Island.

Will of John Davis (probated 29 April, 1846):

Sylvester Davis, Executor, bond \$1500.

1st. Left his wife all the personal property, valued at \$152, and a comfortable support as long as she remains a widow. If she marries, then she is to have \$50 per year during her life.

2nd. Loranna, wife of Aseph Merriam; Melinda, wife of Joel Johnson; Mary, wife of Josiah Howe; Joanna, wife of Stephen Howard; Narcissa, wife of John Warden; Lucy Ann Barber (widow), and my sons Dexter, Norris and Daniel, have all had advancements paid them.

3rd. I give to my son, Sylvester Davis, all my real estate, consisting of the home farm, etc., valued at \$1250, provided he provide for the support of his mother.

Six children:

- 710 i Dexter^r Davis, b. in Orange, 11 Nov., 1807; d. in Corning, N. Y., 1857; m. Emily Holden, 27 Nov., 1828.
- 711 ii Norris^r Davis, b. in Orange, 17 Oct., 1810; d. in Corning, N. Y., 1 July, 1872; m. (1) Lucy Ann Howard, 30 Oct., 1831; (2) Mrs. Lucy Hill, 12 March, 1857.
- 712 iii Narcissa^r Davis, b. in Orange, 30 Nov., 1812; d. in Worcester, Mass., 14 Oct., 1891; m. John Warden, 1837.

- 713* iv Daniel⁷ Davis, b. in Orange, 21 Jan., 1816; d. in Caton, N. Y., 20 March, 1900; m. Ruth Bates, 1844.
- 714* v Lucy Ann⁷ Davis, b. in Orange, 21 Dec., 1818; d. in Worcester, Mass., 4 May, 1900; m. Renel Barber, 10 June, 1840.
- 715* vi Sylvester⁷ Davis, b. in Orange, 8 Sept., 1822; d. in Orange, Mass., 21 April, 1904; m. Katherine Johnson.

Copy of the deed of land known as Sylvester Davis homestead:

Benjamin Dexter of Richmond, N. H., Yeoman, to John Davis of Orange, Yeoman.

Dated May 1, 1815.

A tract of land situate and lying in Orange, Mass., lying in three pieces. The first piece bounded as follows, viz.: Beginning at the southwest corner of said tract on the east side of the road, which is the northwest corner of J. Lord's land; thence running easterly on the north line of said Lord's land, about 100 rods; thence north on the west line of P. Lord's land; thence easterly on the north line of P. Lord's land to the road; then northwesterly on said road to the bridge below Wheeler's Mills; thence westerly on the south line of said Wheeler's land to Asa Lord's; thence westerly on the south line of said Lord's land to the first named road; thence southerly on the east side of said road to the place of beginning. Said tract contains by estimation 100 acres.

The second tract is a wood lot and bounded as follows, viz.: Beginning on the west side of the road at the northeast corner of Benjamin Dexter's land; then running westerly by the south side of said Dexter's land, 48 rods, to a heap of stones; thence southerly on the east line of B. Dexter's land to the Hastings farm (so called); thence easterly on the north line of Hastings farm to road; then northerly on said road to place of beginning. Said tract contains by estimation 50 acres.

The third piece is meadow land, bounded on the north by Asa Lord's land; east by Benjamin Adams' land; south and west on David Legg's land, containing 8 acres.

Benjamin Dexter.

Witness: Nancy Perry.

Joseph Metcalf, J. P.

Recorded 3 June, 1822.

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Phebe⁶ Dexter, daughter of Benjamin⁵ [Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Hannah [Stone] Dexter, was born 11 Feb., 1780, and died 13 Oct., 1857. She married (1) Levi Thurston, 17 July, 1803. He was first to introduce the manufacture of scythes in Orange, in 1803. He died 30 May, 1807. She married (2) Fordyce Ball, 1810.

She had four children by first husband and six by second husband:

- 716* i Phebe⁷ Thurston, b. 20 April, 1804; d. 1875; m. (1) Willard Walker; (2) Israel Lamb.
- 717* ii Priscilla⁷ Thurston, b. 20 April, 1804; d. 1884; m. Richard French, 23 Nov., 1824.
- 718* iii Harriet⁷ Thurston, b. 11 Jan., 1806; d. 22 May, 1869; m. John Cheney, 26 Feb., 1826.
- 719* iv Susan⁷ Thurston, b. 5 Jan., 1808; m. Ira Whitney, 1829.
- 720* v Levi Thurston⁷ Ball, b. 1811.
- 721* vi Elijah⁷ Ball, b. 1813.
- 722* vii Hyderlah⁷ Ball, b. 1815; d. 1873.
- 723* viii Joseph⁷ Ball, b. 28 May, 1817; m. Esther Preble, 1821; (2) Cornelia M. Wiley, 1832.
- 724* ix Joanna⁷ Ball, b. 1820; m. Houghton Hall.
- 725* x Lucinda Maria⁷ Ball; was at school at Wilbraham and South Orange in 1841; worked in Boston in 1844; m. S. F. Somers.

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Betsey⁶ Dexter, daughter of Benjamin⁵ [Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Hannah [Stone] Dexter, was born 6 July, 1782, and died 21 Dec., 1864. She married Zaccheus⁶ Wheeler in 1803. He was a wheelwright by trade, and was son of Zaccheus⁷ and Silence (Leland) Wheeler. (See Wheeler family.) Betsey and Zaccheus both went to the Methodist class meeting in 1817, and for several years. She received from her father, by will, forty acres on north side of turn-pike road adjoining the homestead farm, one-third of a twenty-acre meadow and about 500 acres of land in Peru, Vt.

Seven children, born in Orange:

- 726* i Wilson⁷ Wheeler, b. 5 Oct., 1804; m. Catherine H. Warden.
- 727* ii Betsey⁷ Wheeler, b. 21 Jan., 1807; m. Simon Brown Poland.
- 728* iii John Wesley⁷ Wheeler, b. 5 Aug., 1811; m. Nancy Foster of Grafton.
- 729 iv Benjamin Dexter⁷ Wheeler, b. 22 July, 1814; m. Eliza A. Allen, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 730 v Warren⁷ Wheeler, b. 13 Aug., 1816; d. 10 March, 1821.

- 731* vi Eliza Ann⁷ Wheeler, b. 4 Oct., 1820; m. Samuel Morse.
732* vii George Warren⁷ Wheeler, b. 19 Oct., 1826; m. Miriam F. Titcomb of Bangor, Me., September, 1853. She was born 5 Sept., 1835.



BETSEY (DEXTER) WHEELER.

George¹ Wheeler was born in England, came to this country and settled at Concord, Mass., before 1640. He died there in 1687. Descendants of eighth generation live on same place. He married Katharine ———; they had eight children, four born in England:

1. William² Wheeler, b. in England; m. Hannah Bass, 30 Oct., 1659; d. 1683.
2. Thomas² Wheeler, b. in England; m. Hannah Harwood, 1657; d. 1687.
3. Ruth² Wheeler, b. in England; m. Samuel Hartwell, 1665; d. 1713.

4. Elizabeth² Wheeler, b. in England; m. Francis Fletcher, 1656; d. 1704.
5. Hannah² Wheeler; no record.
6. Sarah² Wheeler; b. in Concord, Mass., 1640; m. Francis Dudley, 1665; d. 1713.
- *7. John² Wheeler, b. in Concord, Mass., 19 March, 1643; m. Sarah Larkin; d. 1713.
8. Mary² Wheeler, b. in Concord, Mass., 6 Sept., 1645; m. Eliphalet Fox; d. 1678.

John² Wheeler [George¹] was born in Concord, Mass., 19 March, 1643, and died 27 Sept., 1713. He married Sarah Larkin.

Nine children, born in Concord, Mass.:

1. Samuel³ Wheeler, b. 6 July, 1664; m. Mary Hosmer.
2. Sarah³ Wheeler, b. —; m. John Miriam.
3. Edward³ Wheeler, b. 17 July, 1669; m. Sarah Miriam.
4. Joanna³ Wheeler, b. 21 Dec., 1671.
5. Mary³ Wheeler, b. 16 Sept., 1673; m. Jacob Wood.
6. Lydia³ Wheeler, b. 27 Oct., 1675; m. (1) Timothy Wheeler; (2) Nathaniel Stow.
7. Esther³ Wheeler, b. 1 Dec., 1678; m. Samuel Prescott.
- *8. Ebenezer³ Wheeler, b. 3 June, 1682; m. Mary Minott.
9. Thankful³ Wheeler, b. 3 June, 1682; m. Jones Prescott.

Ebenezer³ Wheeler [John², George¹] was born 3 June, 1682. He married Mary Minott, daughter of James and Rebecca (Wheeler) Minott, 26 Dec., 1706.

Six children, born in Concord, Mass.:

1. Rebekah⁴ Wheeler, b. 2 Sept., 1712.
2. Mary⁴ Wheeler, b. 8 May, 1714.
3. Ebenezer⁴ Wheeler, b. 6 Jan., 1715-16.
4. Timothy⁴ Wheeler, b. 21 Feb., 1716-17.
5. Sarah⁴ Wheeler, b. 24 July, 1720.
6. James⁴ Wheeler, b. 7 April, 1722.

Ebenezer⁴ Wheeler [Ebenezer³, John², George¹] was born 6 Jan., 1715-16, and died 24 Feb., 1801. He married (1) Rachel Wood of Upton, she dying 27 April, 1751; (2) Lois Corbet, who died 29 March, 1753; (3) Mrs. Priscilla Haywood, 5 Sept., 1753; she was born 27 Aug., 1726.

He had eight children by first wife, one by second wife and eight by third:

1. Ebenezer⁵ Wheeler, b. 13 April, 1741; d. young.
2. Ebenezer⁵ Wheeler, b. —; d. 24 Oct., 1759.
3. Jonathan⁵ Wheeler, b. 2 April, 1743; m. (1) Anna Rand; (2) Mary Rawson.
4. Rachel⁵ Wheeler, b. 14 Jan., 1745; m. Timothy Winter.
- *5. Zaachens⁵ Wheeler, b. 30 Sept., 1749.
6. Susanna⁵ Wheeler, b. 4 Oct., 1746; d. young.
7. Susanna⁵ Wheeler, b. —; m. John Thurston.
8. Mary⁵ Wheeler, b. 20 March, 1751.
9. Nathan⁵ Wheeler, b. 6 April, 1752.
10. Ephraim⁵ Wheeler, b. 7 June, 1754; m. Hannah Goodell.
11. Priscilla⁵ Wheeler, b. 1 June, 1755; m. Lewis Thurston.
12. James⁵ Wheeler, b. 22 Dec., 1756; m. Vashti Bigelow.
13. Rebecca⁵ Wheeler, b. 24 Aug., 1758; m. James Dexter.
14. Sally⁵ Wheeler, b. 5 Nov., 1760; m. Ithames Smith.
15. Esther⁵ Wheeler, b. 4 May, 1762.
16. Ebenezer⁵ Wheeler, b. 15 Oct., 1764; m. Susanna Ruggles.
17. Anna⁵ Wheeler, b. 30 Aug., 1767; m. John C. Pratt.

Zaachens⁵ Wheeler [Ebenezer⁴, Ebenezer³, John², George¹] was born 30 Sept., 1749. He married Silence Leland, daughter of Thomas Leland and granddaughter of James Leland of Grafton. She was born in Sutton in 1751, and died in Athol in 1829. They came to Athol in February, 1790, from Grafton, and settled on the north bank of Tully Brook near where Pine Dale is now situated. A log cabin was built for their home, a large tract of land was purchased, and a grist-mill was erected upon the bank of the brook. The children had to go to school through the forest, finding their way by means of blazes on the tree-trunks.

They had eleven children, eight born in Grafton and three in Athol:

1. Emerald⁶ Wheeler, b. 1773; m. Mary Lombard. Was a merchant in New York.
2. Zaachens⁶ Wheeler, b. 1775; d. in Sutton, 1778.
3. Thomas S.⁶ Wheeler, b. 1776; m. Martha Rice; d. in New Orleans, 1832.
- *4. Zaachens⁶ Wheeler, b. 1779; m. Betsey Dexter; d. in Orange, 1859.
5. Silence⁶ Wheeler, b. 1781; m. Jesse Snow; d. in Greenwich, 1803.
6. Margaret⁶ Wheeler, b. 1784; m. Ephraim Goodell; d. in Athol, 1803.
7. Sina⁶ Wheeler, b. 1786; m. Nathan Whitney, Pittsfield, Ohio.
8. Rachel⁶ Wheeler, b. 1788; m. Clement Bryant, Athol.
9. Jonathan⁶ Wheeler, b. 1792; m. Hannah Davis, Athol.
10. Mercy⁶ Wheeler, b. 1795; d. 1813.
11. Anna⁶ Wheeler, b. 1797; m. Sullivan Raymond of Royalston.

(For Zaachens⁶ Wheeler and Betsey Dexter, see page 100.)

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Martha⁶ Dexter, daughter of Ephraim⁵ [Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Kesiah [Sober] Dexter, was born 28 Sept., 1772, and died 29 Jan., 1852. She married Prince Snow in 1794.

Fourteen children, born in Rochester, Mass.:

- 733 i James⁷ Snow, b. 19 Dec., 1794; d. 18 May, 1849; m. Hannah W. Sherman, 24 Sept., 1820.
- 734 ii Nancy⁷ Snow, b. 19 Dec., 1794; m. Nathan Boodry.
- 735 iii Betsey⁷ Snow, b. 15 May, 1796; m. Nathaniel Hiller.
- 736 iv Prince⁷ Snow, b. 30 Jan., 1798; m. Caroline Foster.
- 737 v Luke⁷ Snow, b. 5 Feb., 1799.
- 738 vi Stephen⁷ Snow, b. 9 March, 1801; d. 6 March, 1885; m. Eunice Cannon.
- 739 vii Harvey⁷ Snow, b. 7 March, 1803; d. 8 May, 1868; m. Betsey Jenney.
- 740 viii Avery⁷ Snow, b. 12 April, 1805; d. 30 July, 1880; never married.
- 741 ix Rachel⁷ Snow, b. 17 May, 1807; d. 27 Sept., 1836; m. Wyatt Snow.
- 742 x Kesiah⁷ Snow, b. 5 July, 1809; d. 17 Dec., 1903; m. Prince Hiller.
- 743 xi Martin⁷ Snow, b. 8 April, 1811; d. 29 Oct., 1862; m. Ivory Snow.
- 744 xii Dulcina⁷ Snow, b. 1 March, 1813; d. 24 Jan., 1904; m. William Fuller.
- 745 xiii Jane⁷ Snow, b. 9 Aug., 1815; m. William Hammond.
- 746 xiv William⁷ Snow, b. 7 April, 1821; d. 12 March, 1887; m. Rebecca Bolles.

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Anna⁶ Dexter, daughter of Ephraim⁵ [Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Kesiah [Sober] Dexter, was born 6 Jan., 1774, and died 8 Aug., 1860. She married Captain James Snow, 20 Dec., 1795.

Six children, born in Rochester, Mass.:

- 747 i Levi⁷ Snow, b. 23 May, 1799; d. 9 June, 1880; m. Mary Meiggs, 19 Aug., 1824.
- 748 ii Dennis⁷ Snow, b. 5 Aug., 1801; d. 15 April, 1841.

- 749 iii Martin⁷ Snow, b. 1 Aug., 1803; d. 26 Aug., 1883.
 750 iv Julian⁷ Snow, b. 23 April, 1806; d. 2 Nov., 1864; m. John
 Brown.
 751 v Adaline⁷ Snow, b. 22 July, 1809; d. 23 Feb., 1873; m. Ezra
 Burbank.
 752 vi James⁷ Winslow, b. 4 Sept., 1813; d. 1836; lost at sea.

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Kesiah⁶ Dexter, daughter of Ephraim⁵ [Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Kesiah [Sober] Dexter, was born 5 Oct., 1775, and died 2 Jan., 1835. She married Ebenezer Holmes in 1805.

Six children:

- 753 i Alice⁷ Holmes, b. 20 June, 1806; d. 1 March, 1888; m. Zoath
 Dexter.
 754 ii Mary⁷ Holmes, b. 20 June, 1808.
 755 iii Kesiah⁷ Holmes, b. 9 Jan., 1810; m. Loring Dexter, 29 Nov.,
 1827.
 756 iv Hannah⁷ Holmes, b. 13 April, 1812; d. 29 July, 1893; m. Larnet
 Hall.
 757 v Ebenezer⁷ Holmes, b. 17 Jan., 1816.
 758 vi Susan H.⁷ Holmes, b. 20 May, 1822; d. 15 July, 1889; m. Geo.
 H. Kelley.

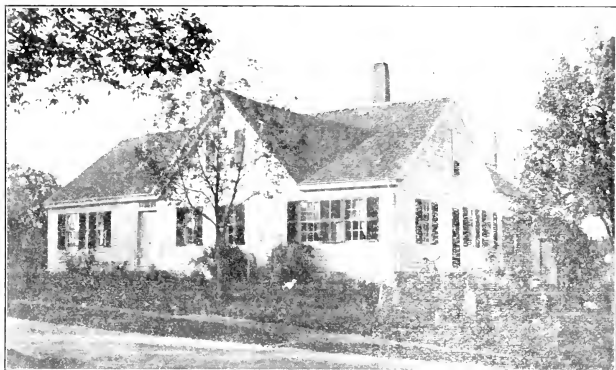
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Luke⁶ Dexter, son of Ephraim⁵ [Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Kesiah [Sober] Dexter, was born 16 Nov., 1777, and died 9 Nov., 1856. He married Joanna Pierce, September, 1802. He was a caulker by trade, also a farmer, and lived on part of the old Benjamin Dexter farm and in the house that stood on the spot where the first Dexter house was built in Rochester.

Seven children, born in Rochester, Mass.:

- 759* i Loring⁷ Dexter, b. 1 April, 1804; d. 5 Oct., 1882; m. (1) Keziah
 Holmes, 29 Nov., 1827; (2) Achsah Dexter, 28 Sept., 1836.
 760* ii Gilmore⁷ Dexter, b. 7 Aug., 1807; d. 13 April, 1877; m. Lucy A.
 Wing.

- 761 iii William^r Dexter, b. 2 Oct., 1809; d. 13 Aug., 1850; m. Emily M. Preble, 28 June, 1849.
- 762 iv Florilla P.^r Dexter, b. 3 Nov., 1805; d. 24 April, 1877; m. Luther Bowman.
- 763 v Sophrona P.^r Dexter, b. 9 May, 1813; d. 1833; m. William Delano, 1832.
- 764* vi Christina^r Dexter, b. 27 March, 1815; d. 8 Feb., 1900; m. Seth Cowan, 16 Feb., 1834.
- 765* vii Lorenzo D.^r Dexter, b. 17 Nov., 1818; d. 16 June, 1853; m. Lurana Braley, 4 Aug., 1846.



THE OLD DEXTER HOUSE.

This house was erected previous to 1800, and stands upon the probable site of the first house erected by William Dexter about 1679, it being in about the centre of the tract of land owned by him. This farm was about three-fourths of a mile square, having a brook running through it, upon the bank of which in olden times stood a saw-mill and a grist-mill, which were run by the Dexters.

There are now three houses built by Dexters standing within the borders of this original tract, all of them over a hundred years old and all occupied for the most of the time by Dexters.

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Ephraim⁶ Dexter, son of Ephraim⁵ [Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Kesiah [Sober] Dexter, was born 28 April, 1779, and died 27 June, 1862. He married (1) Achsah Snow, 14 Sept., 1802; (2) Rachel Snow, 27 April, 1806. He was a cooper by trade, and during the last of his life he owned and occupied half of the house that stood upon the site of the original Dexter homestead, the other half being owned by his brother Luke.



EPHRAIM DEXTER AND WIFE RACHEL.

One child by first wife and eight by second, all born in Falmouth, Mass.:

- 766 i Thomas⁷ Dexter, b. 14 Aug., 1803; d. 16 Sept., 1824; no family.
- 767 ii Achsah⁷ Dexter, b. 19 June, 1807; d. 8 Aug., 1884; m. Loring
 Dexter, 28 Sept., 1836.
- 768 iii Hannah S.⁷ Dexter, b. 16 July, 1809; d. 25 Aug., 1891; m. John
 Dexter, 2d, 12 March, 1839.
- 769* iv Leonard S.⁷ Dexter, b. 26 Jan., 1811; d. 18 May, 1853.

- 770* v Calvin⁷ Dexter, b. 9 Nov., 1812; d. 25 March, 1867.
- 771 vi Sumner⁷ Dexter, b. 23 June, 1815; d. 9 Sept., 1899; m. Emily (Preble) Dexter. One child, Maria L. Dexter, b. 1861; d. 1874. Removed to Marion, and was a painter by trade.
- 772* vii Harriet⁷ Dexter, b. 13 Dec., 1817; d. 6 April, 1901; m. (1) Daniel Kendrick, 9 July, 1839; (2) William A. Barlow, 27 April, 1884.
- 773* viii Lewis⁷ Dexter, b. 16 Oct., 1820; m. Martha Robbins.
- 774* ix Ainsworth⁷ Dexter, b. 27 Jan., 1823; m. Phebe C. Coffin, 15 June, 1847.

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Gideon⁶ Dexter, son of Ephraim⁵ [Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Kesiah [Sober] Dexter, was born 7 April, 1781, and died 31 Jan., 1827. He married Mary Dexter, 15 Oct., 1804. He was a caulker by trade. At his death his wife had her thirds of the estate set off by court, 2 Nov., 1831.

From a clipping from a New Bedford paper of 1827:

On January 31, 1827, the sloop Betsey of Wareham came into Mattapoisett Harbor and hauled in as near the shore as was practicable on account of the ice; soon after she was seen to be drifting toward the bay and several persons from the shore went to her assistance. About 7 o'clock in the evening they lost the small skiff overboard and Mr. Gideon Dexter and Mr. Caleb Dexter, Jr., of Mattapoisett, took a boat and went to recover the skiff. The wind being strong at north and the weather extremely cold, they were unable to return to the sloop, which was run ashore, and the persons on board landed with difficulty, wet and much exhausted. The next morning, the men and boats not having returned, search was made and the skiff was found on Goat Island, about half a mile distant, and the body of Caleb Dexter was found lying on the marsh frozen. The other boat drifted out of the bay and was picked up near East Chop, off Holmes Hole, with the body of Gideon Dexter, which was also frozen. His hands were much lacerated and the oar battered to pieces, from which it appears he exerted himself to return until exhausted. Mr. Gideon Dexter was 46 years old, and left wife and nine children. Mr. Caleb Dexter, Jr., was 34 years of age, and left a wife and an aged father and mother to lament their loss.

Nine children, born in Rochester, Mass.:

- 775* i Warren⁷ Dexter, b. 30 Oct., 1805; d. 11 Feb., 1880.
- 776* ii Samuel⁷ Dexter, b. 16 Nov., 1807; d. 6 Sept., 1885.

- 777* iii Lurana⁷ Dexter, b. 3 Sept., 1809; d. 25 June, 1891; m. Ivory Snow, 26 July, 1829.
- 778* iv Ephraim⁷ Dexter, b. 1 Oct., 1811; d. 10 Sept., 1893.
- 779* v Calvin⁷ Dexter, b. 25 Sept., 1813; d. 2 May, 1886.
- 780* vi John⁷ Dexter, b. 13 Feb., 1816; d. 26 July, 1880.
- 781* vii Gideon⁷ Dexter, b. 24 May, 1818; d. 24 Oct., 1883.
- 782 viii Joseph⁷ Dexter, b. 20 Feb., 1820; d. 28 March, 1875; m. Elizabeth L. Miller, 19 Nov., 1854.
Went two voyages whaling in early life; was house carpenter by trade, and later in life farmed it and also teamed.
- 783 ix Rufus⁷ Dexter, b. 19 May, 1823; d. 5 Oct., 1853.
Made one voyage whaling, and died in Taunton Asylum.

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Thomas⁶ Dexter, son of Ephraim⁵ [Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Kesiah [Sober] Dexter, was born 9 March, 1783, and died 22 Feb., 1871. He married (1) Hannah Luce, 15 Nov., 1814; (2) Lydia C. Swift, 18 March, 1850. He was a caulker and worked at the business many years. He died at Mattapoisett.

Eight children, born in Rochester:

- 784 i Albert G.⁷ Dexter, b. 1 Sept., 1823; d. 24 Oct., 1899; single.
- 785* ii Thomas⁷ Dexter, b. 7 April, 1826; m. (1) Mary Lucey, 1859; (2) Amy Lucey, 1874.
- 786 iii Jane⁷ Dexter, b. 25 April, 1820; d. Oct., 1851; m. Gideon Dexter.
- 787* iv Benjamin F.⁷ Dexter, b. 30 Jan., 1828.
- 788* v Alexander⁷ Dexter, b. 12 May, 1831.
- 789* vi Jason L.⁷ Dexter, b. 17 June, 1835.
- 790 vii Hannah S.⁷ Dexter, b. 24 July, 1833; d. 30 March, 1835.
- 791* viii Henry A.⁷ Dexter, b. 7 Oct., 1840; d. 19 May, 1894.

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Jane⁶ Dexter, daughter of Ephraim⁵ [Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Kesiah [Sober] Dexter, was born in 1785, and died 21 Nov., 1875. She married James Cathell, 10 June, 1810.

Eleven children, born in Rochester, Mass.:

- 792 i Henry Nelson² Cathell, b. 27 Dec., 1811; d. 23 Sept., 1814.
 793 ii Jane Tobey² Cathell, b. 27 Dec., 1811; d. 4 Oct., 1812.
 794 iii Caleb Strong² Cathell, b. 3 Feb., 1813; d. 31 March, 1813.
 795 iv Sally² Cathell, b. 25 May, 1814.
 796 v Betsey² Cathell, b. 17 Jan., 1816; d. 14 Oct., 1817.
 797 vi Jane² Cathell, b. 23 March, 1817.
 798 vii Susan S.² Cathell, b. 2 Aug., 1819.
 799 viii Hannah D.² Cathell, b. 31 May, 1822.
 800 ix Betsey W.² Cathell, b. 2 Dec., 1824.
 801 x Fanny W.² Cathell, b. 3 April, 1826.
 802 xi Phebe B.² Cathell, b. 27 March, 1830.



ALDEN DEXTER.

Alden⁶ Dexter, son of Ephraim⁵ [Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Kesiah [Sober] Dexter, was born 4 July, 1788, and died 8 Oct., 1869. He married (1) Lucy Barrows, 1810; (2) Polly Crowell, 19 Sept., 1862. He was a caulker and in later years was a farmer.

Twelve children, born in Rochester:

- 803* i Freeman⁷ Dexter, b. 1 Aug., 1812; d. 23 Sept., 1861.
 804* ii Stillman⁷ Dexter, b. 11 Dec., 1813; d. 10 Sept., 1847.
 805* iii Henry N⁷ Dexter, b. 5 Aug., 1815; d. 15 March, 1856; m.
 Cynthia Nye, 5 July, 1839.
 806 iv Lucy Alden⁷ Dexter, b. 24 April, 1817; d. 8 Aug., 1817.
 807* v Sarah A.⁷ Dexter, b. 22 Jan., 1818; d. 20 Dec., 1855; m. (1)
 William Bates; (2) Joseph Candids.
 808* vi Eliza A.⁷ Dexter, b. 3 Dec., 1822; d. 30 Nov., 1878; m. Russell
 Merithew.
 809* vii Weston A.⁷ Dexter, b. 1 Nov., 1824; d. 8 July, 1897; m. Mary
 E. Kelley, 1 Sept., 1860.
 810 viii Lucy⁷ Dexter, b. 1 Nov., 1826; d. 1 Oct., 1831.
 811 ix Alpheus⁷ Dexter, b. 25 Feb., 1827; d. 23 April, 1828.
 812 x George⁷ Dexter, b. 1 July, 1829; d. 23 Sept., 1830.
 813* xi Emma A.⁷ Dexter, b. 25 July, 1832; m. Daniel Payne, 15 Oct.,
 1850.
 814 xii Clara H.⁷ Dexter, b. 17 June, 1835; m. Caleb Dexter, 9 May,
 1853.

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Polly⁶ Dexter, daughter of Ephraim⁵ [Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Kesiah [Sober] Dexter, was born 25 Feb., 1790, and died 12 March, 1874. She married Larnet Hall, 1 May, 1811.

Seven children, born in Rochester, Mass.:

- 815 i Martin⁷ Hall, b. 14 Aug., 1812; d. 3 Oct., 1891; m. Arethusa
 Southworth.
 816 ii Larnet⁷ Hall, b. 27 Feb., 1814; d. 27 Sept., 1884; m. Hannah
 Holmes.
 817 iii Eveline⁷ Hall, b. 1 Oct., 1815; d. 5 Nov., 1815.
 818 iv Arethusa⁷ Hall, b. 7 Feb., 1816; d. 12 Jan., 1817.
 819 v Mary⁷ Hall, b. 15 March, 1818.
 820 vi Charles⁷ Hall, b. 7 Nov., 1817; d. 3 Feb., 1883; m. Lidora C.
 Cowan, 4 Oct., 1856.
 821 vii Amaline⁷ Hall, b. 25 July, 1824.

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Rebekah⁶ Dexter, daughter of Caleb⁵ [Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Hannah [Hatch] Dexter, was born 9 July, 1790, and died 29 Aug., 1867. She married Stephen Nye in 1808.

Eight children:

- 822 i William W.⁷ Nye, b. 22 May, 1810; m. (1) Sarah Wyett; (2) Belinda Dunbar.
- 823 ii Stephen⁷ Nye, Jr., b. 12 Feb., 1812; m. Mercy Rounsvelt.
- 824 iii Rebekah⁷ Nye, b. 15 Oct., 1815.
- 825 iv Mary A.⁷ Nye, b. 18 Oct., 1817; m. Elias Merithew.
- 826 v Cynthia⁷ Nye, b. 12 March, 1821; d. 24 June, 1897; m. (1) Henry N. Dexter, 5 July, 1839; (2) Gideon Dexter, 12 Dec., 1857.
- * 827 vi Louisa⁷ Nye, b. 22 June, 1823; m. Charles Randall.
- 828 vii Henry G.⁷ Nye, b. 21 July, 1826.
- 829 viii Henry W.⁷ Nye, b. 16 July, 1831.

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Caleb⁶ Dexter, son of Caleb⁵ [Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Hannah [Hatch] Dexter, was born 23 Jan., 1794, and died 30 Jan., 1827. He married Lydia Hiller, 19 June, 1821. He was frozen to death while out in an open boat during a storm, 30 Jan., 1827.

One child:

- 830* i Caleb⁷ Dexter, b. in Rochester, 12 May, 1827; m. Clara H. Dexter, 9 May, 1853.

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David⁶ Dexter, son of Seth⁵ [Seth⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Deborah [Haskall] Dexter, was born 17 May, 1770, and died 29 June, 1838. He married Mary Pitkins of East Hartford, 22 Dec., 1796. She was born 30 Jan., 1769, and died 25 Nov., 1848. They resided at Amherst, Mass.

Eight children:

- 831 i James Pitkin⁷ Dexter, b. 8 Sept., 1797.
 832 ii David⁷ Dexter, b. 15 April, 1799.
 833 iii Mary⁷ Dexter, b. 17 Oct., 1800; m. Ralph Clapp, 1828.
 834 iv Abigail Church⁷ Dexter, b. 25 April, 1802; d. Aug., 1863; m.
 Erastus Clark of Granby, Conn., 12 April, 1855.
 835* v Horace⁷ Dexter, b. 29 Dec., 1803; d. 1863; m. ———.
 836* vi Lucretia⁷ Dexter, b. 15 June, 1805; d. 26 Aug., 1871; m. William
 Clark of South Hadley, Mass., 5 Jan., 1843.
 837* vii Edward⁷ Dexter, b. 18 Feb., 1807.
 838* viii William⁷ Dexter, b. 13 Sept., 1809.



SETH DEXTER.

Seth⁴ Dexter, son of Seth³ [Seth¹, Benjamin¹, William¹, Thomas¹] and Deborah [Haskall] Dexter, was born 22 Dec., 1776, and died 31 March, 1841. He married Sylvia Gaylord 5 May, 1808. She was daughter of Eleazer and Elizabeth Gaylord of Pinemeadow, and born 8 Sept., 1787.

Two children:

- 839* i Harriet Clark⁷ Dexter, b. Windsor Locks, Conn., 5 April, 1809;
d. 26 Feb., 1846; m. Edwin A. Douglas, 6 Feb., 1834.
840* ii Charles Haskell⁷ Dexter, b. Windsor Locks, Conn., 19 Sept.,
1810; d. 29 Aug., 1869; m. Lydia Pierson, 19 Sept., 1838.

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William⁶ Dexter, son of Seth⁵ [Seth⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Deborah [Haskell] Dexter, was born 28 Feb., 1786, at Windsor Locks, Conn., and died in 1841. He married Sally Mallory of Winsted, Conn. They removed to Illinois.

Six children:

- 841 i Sarah Ann⁷ Dexter.
842 ii William⁷ Dexter.
843 iii Elizabeth⁷ Dexter.
844 iv Harriet⁷ Dexter.
845 v Salome⁷ Dexter.
846 vi John⁷ Dexter.

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Prince⁶ Dexter, son of Elijah⁵ [Seth⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Martha [Clark] Dexter, was born 19 Jan., 1782, and 2 Dec., 1813. He married Arlothea Savery, 15 May, 1806.

Four children, born in Rochester:

- 847 i Uriel Sherman⁷ Dexter, b. 31 Aug., 1807; d. 26 Nov., 1808.
848* ii Mary Hynkley⁷ Dexter, b. 2 April, 1809; d. 31 May, 1842; m.
William C. Haskell, 10 Dec., 1828.
849* iii John Gibbs⁷ Dexter, b. 11 March, 1811; d. 3 Jan., 1834; m.
Eleanor F. Richardson, 5 April, 1831.
850 iv Sarah⁷ Dexter, b. 3 March, 1813; d. 11 Jan., 1885; m. Albert
Allen, 14 April, 1836.

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Elijah⁶ Dexter, son of Elijah⁵ [Seth⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Martha [Clark] Dexter, was born 1 Sept.,

1786, and died 10 Oct., 1851. He married (1) Clarissa Crocker, 28 March, 1809; (2) Mary Morton, 3 Dec., 1812; (3) Lydia Thompson, 28 May, 1824.

One child by first wife and four by second:

- 851 i Elijah C.⁷ Dexter, b. 9 Sept., 1810.
- 852 ii Nathaniel M.⁷ Dexter, b. 28 Sept., 1814; d. 18 Sept., 1838.
- 853 iii Elijah⁷ Dexter, b. 31 Aug., 1816; d. 1 Sept., 1816.
- 854 iv David B.⁷ Dexter, b. 18 Oct., 1817; d. 18 Oct., 1817.
- 855* v Henry M.⁷ Dexter, b. 13 Aug., 1821; d. 13 Nov., 1890; m.
Emeline Palmer, 19 Nov., 1844.

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Seth⁶ Dexter, son of Elijah⁵ [Seth⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Martha [Clark] Dexter, was born 26 March, 1793, and died 16 Sept., 1832. He married Arlothea [Savery] Dexter, 5 March, 1817.

Three children, born in Rochester, Mass.:

- 856 i Prince⁷ Dexter, b. 28 Jan., 1818; unmarried.
- 857 ii Martha C.⁷ Dexter, b. 11 Jan., 1822.
- 858 iii Sophia E.⁷ Dexter, b. 4 March, 1828.

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Samuel B.⁷ Dexter, son of Elizabeth⁶ [Seth⁵, Jabez⁴, Philip³, William², Thomas¹] and ——— Dexter, was born in 1796, and died 30 Sept., 1860. He married Abby Blackmore. He was brought up on a farm and followed the occupation of farming all his life. His home was at Mattapoisett, Mass.

Five children, born in Rochester:

- 859 i Joseph B.⁸ Dexter, b. 27 Nov., 1820; d. 1854; m. Elizabeth Per-
rington, 1 Jan., 1854.
- 860 ii William B.⁸ Dexter, b. 18 Aug., 1822; d. 1 Oct., 1865.
- 861 iii Lydia⁸ Dexter, b. 20 Feb., 1824; d. 21 April, 1873; m. Albert
Sherman, 1 June, 1865.
- 862* iv Stephen⁸ Dexter, b. 10 Aug., 1826; d. 1865; m. Eliza A. Nick-
erson.
- 863 v Betsey R.⁸ Dexter, b. 23 April, 1830; d. 13 March, 1865.

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Elizabeth⁷ Dexter, daughter of Elisha⁶ [Seth⁵, Jabez⁴, Philip³, William², Thomas¹] and Eunice [Bowles] Dexter, was born 29 March, 1793, and died November, 1865. She married Thomas C. Ames, 2 Aug., 1812.

Six children, born at Rochester, Mass. :

- 864 i Thomas C.³ Ames, Jr., b. 29 April, 1813; d. 22 Jan., 1835; not married.
- 865 ii Mary T.³ Ames, b. 20 May, 1815; d. 31 March, 1888; m. Caleb T. Jenney, 25 Nov., 1832.
- 866 iii Jane L.³ Ames, b. 7 Feb., 1819; d. 23 April, 1899; m. Stephen A. Tripp, 20 Oct., 1840.
- 867 iv Elizabeth H.³ Ames, b. 7 Aug., 1822; d. 22 May, 1832.
- 868 v Daniel H.³ Ames, b. 10 May, 1824; d. 2 May, 1872; m. Lydia Luce.
- 869 vi Loring T.³ Ames, b. 11 Feb., 1834; not married.

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Elisha⁷ Dexter, son of Elisha⁶ [Seth⁵, Jabez⁴, Philip³, William², Thomas¹] and Eunice [Bowles] Dexter, was born 4 Feb., 1797, and died 17 Jan., 1890. He married Sarah Mendall. He was a mill owner at Mattapoisett; his business was getting out boxboards for New York and Philadelphia market.

Ten children :

- 870^{*} i Mary A. R.³ Dexter, b. 8 Feb., 1824; m. Nathaniel Parker, 26 Oct., 1842.
- 871 ii Lydia³ Dexter, b. 26 Oct., 1825.
- 872 iii Martha M.³ Dexter, b. 23 Sept., 1828; m. Nathan Smith, 15 Oct., 1861.
- 873 iv Charles Frederick³ Dexter, b. 2 Feb., 1831; m. Mary Morton, 24 Oct., 1862.
- 874^{*} v Elisha L.³ Dexter, b. 22 March, 1834; d. 4 Feb., 1876; m. Harriet W. LeBaron, 4 Sept., 1866.
- 875^{*} vi Albert M.³ Dexter, b. 12 Aug., 1837; d. 25 July, 1899; m. Annie E. Hathaway, 24 Oct., 1871.
- 876 vii George H.³ Dexter, b. 29 March, 1840; m. Mary F. Wood, 24 Oct., 1871.

- 877 viii Myra Jane^s Dexter, b. 24 Feb., 1842.
 878 ix Sarah W.^s Dexter, b. 1 Nov., 1844; d. 26 July, 1845.
 879 x Sarah S.^s Dexter, b. 14 May, 1848; m. Daniel W. Nash, 28 Nov., 1887.

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Harvey⁷ Dexter, son of Elisha⁶ [Seth⁵, Jabez⁴, Philip³, William², Thomas¹] and Eunice [Bowles] Dexter, was born 3 Dec., 1801, and died 4 Jan., 1856. He married (1) Lydia Chandler; (2) Huldah Randall, April, 1848.

Six children; five by first wife:

- 880* i Ezra H.^s Dexter, b. in Rochester, 20 March, 1826; m. Sarah Mendall, 23 Dec., 1849.
 881 ii C. Henry^s Dexter, b. 8 June, 1828; was murdered in California in 1852.
 882 iii John C.^s Dexter, b. 1 March, 1832; d. 21 Sept., 1902; m. (1) Anna Pearce, 2 Jan., 1852; (2) Martha J. Hoeking, Dec., 1864.
 883* iv Andrew^s Dexter, b. 27 Aug., 1834; m. Elizabeth A. Moseby, 16 May, 1867.
 884 v Frances E.^s Dexter, b. 28 Jan., 1837; d. in Navy, 29 April, 1863.

By second wife:

- 885 vi William R.^s Dexter, b. 24 Feb., 1850.

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Alden⁷ Dexter, son of Elisha⁶ [Seth⁵, Jabez⁴, Philip³, William², Thomas¹] and Eunice [Bowles] Dexter, was born 2 July, 1804, and died 14 May, 1841. He married Merinda Frost.

Six children, born in Watertown, Mass.:

- 886 i Alden^s Dexter, b. 5 June, 1829; d. 8 Oct., 1849.
 887 ii George^s Dexter, b. 12 Nov., 1830; no family.
 888 iii Benjamin^s Dexter, b. 3 Oct., 1832; m. Serena T. Norton, 14 Nov., 1870.
 889* iv Eunice^s Dexter, b. 26 Oct., 1835; m. (1) Abram Tinkham; (2) Charles Dillingham, 1882.

- 890^v v Joseph^v Dexter, b. 10 Dec., 1837; d. 9 Dec., 1886; m. Sophia H. Tinkham, 27 June, 1867.
- 891 vi Thomas D.^s Dexter, b. 23 Jan., 1842; m. Emma F. Kelley, 2 July, 1868. Was in carriage painting business in New Bedford many years; afterwards moved to Mattapoisett, where he continued in same business. Was selectman. One daughter, Emma L.ⁿ Dexter, b. 29 April, 1870.

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John⁷ Dexter, son of Charles⁶ [John⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Hannah [Snow] Dexter, was born 29 Jan., 1810, and died 8 Sept., 1884. He married Mary S. Rogers, 18 Nov., 1833.

Three children:

- 892^{*} i Moores R.^s Dexter, b. 20 July, 1835; d. 9 Jan., 1866; m. Mary A. Purington, 27 Nov., 1856.
- 893 ii Elizabeth^s Dexter, b. 5 Sept., 1837; m. Orsamus Winston, 27 Nov., 1856.
- 894 iii Mary J.^s Dexter, b. 4 Jan., 1848; m. Herbert D. Colson, 7 Dec., 1875.

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James W.⁷ Dexter, son of Charles⁶ [John⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Hannah [Snow] Dexter, was born 21 Nov., 1814, and died 7 May, 1890. He married (1) Abigail Cannon, 6 June, 1835; (2) Mary J. Burbank, 1 Jan., 1870.

Five children:

- 895 i William A.^s Dexter, b. in Rochester, 12 Jan., 1837; d. 4 Aug., 1864.
- 896^{*} ii Charles^s Dexter, b. in Rochester, 19 Nov., 1837; d. 27 Dec., 1876; m. Lydia A. Edwards, 10 Nov., 1864.
- 897^{*} iii James A.^s Dexter, b. 13 Aug., 1841; m. Flavilla Lake.
- 898 iv William C.^s Dexter, b. 17 Jan., 1846.
- 899 v Martha C.^s Dexter, b. 7 Jan., 1848; d. 10 June, 1849.

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Chester B.⁷ Dexter, son of Charles⁶ [David⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Lucinda [Bascom] Dexter, was born 14 Sept., 1816, and died 20 July, 1900. He married (1) Sally White, Sept., 1842; (2) Irene H. Dexter, 26 Nov., 1860.

Nine children, born at Wardsboro, Vt., and Troy, N. Y.:

- 900 i Ellen L.⁸ Dexter, b. 10 Oct., 1843; d. 10 July, 1885; m. Maurice McManus.
- 901 ii Edwin C.⁸ Dexter, b. 20 March, 1845.
- 902 iii Lucius T.⁸ Dexter, b. 14 Nov., 1847; d. 15 April, 1868.
- 903 iv Katie⁸ Dexter.
- 904 v Katie S.⁸ Dexter, b. 4 Oct., 1850; d. 19—.
- 905 vi Moses C.⁸ Dexter, b. 7 April, 1854.
- 906* vii Silas B.⁸ Dexter, b. 14 Feb., 1857; d. 1890; m. Sadie Bennett, 23 March.
- 907 viii Walter W.⁸ Dexter, b. 20 May, 1861.
- 908 ix Alice M.⁸ Dexter, b. 22 Nov., 1867; m. Charles F. Cluett.

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Avery J.⁷ Dexter, son of Charles⁶ [David⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Lucinda [Bascom] Dexter, was born 27 April, 1818, at Wardsboro, Vt. In early life he resided for a few years at Dover, and for a short time with his brother in Albany, but with these exceptions he has always made his home at Wardsboro. He was of a retiring disposition, always avoiding notoriety, yet his kindly sympathies and his magnetic presence attracted all classes toward him, and his intuitive judgment, seldom wrong, caused his advice and counsel to be extensively sought. He was not ambitious. That he came to be the leading man in the affairs of the town was something that he could not well avoid; it came to him naturally. For the last thirty years of his life he could have been elected to any office in the gift of the town that he would accept. He was a justice of the peace for thirty-nine years; one of the Selectmen for twenty-two years, and town clerk for thirty years. He repre-

sented the town in the Legislature in 1858, 1859, 1864, 1865, 1878, 1886. In his official business he was unflinching in maintaining what he deemed to be right, which he did in such a manner and with such skill in the use of words that even the adverse party was generally satisfied.

He married 22 March, 1841, Mary D. White. He died at Wardsboro, Vt., 18 April, 1893.



AVERY J. DEXTER.

Nine children, born in Wardsboro:

- 909 i Ambrose Avery^s Dexter, b. 2 Feb., 1842; d. 10 June, 1851.
- 910* ii Charles Delivan^s Dexter, b. 22 Nov., 1843; m. Rosa L. Knowlton,
25 Dec., 1870.
- 911* iii Gertrude Isabella^s Dexter, b. 26 July, 1845; m. Marshall O.
Howe, 15 Aug., 1866.
- 912 iv Frederic Homer^s Dexter, b. 5 Aug., 1847.
- 913 v Ozro Lafayette^s Dexter, b. 20 July, 1850; d. 4 Sept., 1852.
- 914* vi Mary Ambrosia^s Dexter, b. 1 Sept., 1853; m. Brownson Mat-
tison, 19 March, 1873.



FRED H. DEXTER.

- 915 vii Lizzie Lina^s Dexter, b. 20 Feb., 1857; d. 7 Oct., 1862.
 916* viii Luna Jennie^s Dexter, b. 28 March, 1860; m. David Smith, 19
 June, 1880.
 917 ix Effie Etta^s Dexter, b. 10 May, 1864.

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Charles⁷ Dexter, Jr., son of Charles⁶ [David⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Lucinda [Bascom] Dexter, was born 9 June, 1824. He married Philma Chapin, 30 June, 1850.

Five children:

- 918 i Charles E.⁸ Dexter, b. 1851; died.
 919 ii Charles E.⁸ Dexter, b. 19 July, 1853; died.
 920 iii Laura⁸ Dexter, b. 16 April, 1856; m. Abitha Davidson.
 921 iv Eugene Avery⁸ Dexter, b. 19 Oct., 1860.
 922 v Chester Bascom⁸ Dexter, b. 23 May, 1865; m. Ella Wheeler, 22
 Jan., 1889.

438A

Urial⁷ Dexter, son of Nathan⁶ [David⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and S. [Park] Dexter, was born 29 March, 1811, and died 25 Dec., 1867. He married Lucinda Dix, 7 Oct., 1836.

Children :

- i Andrew J.⁸ Dexter, b. 19 May, 1839; d. 26 July, 1886.
- ii John Henry⁸ Dexter, b. 17 Oct., 1845; d. 15 Aug., 1847.
- iii Melvin Adam⁸ Dexter, b. 26 Aug., 1852; d. 10 Oct., 1882.
- iv John Henry⁸ Dexter, b. 26 June, 1849; d. 18 Aug., 1889.
- v Adin Urial⁸ Dexter, b. 9 March, 1843; d. 4 Oct., 1864.

438B

James R.⁷ Dexter, son of Nathan⁶ [David⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and S. [Park] Dexter, was born 6 Sept., 1817. He married Dorothea Blakie¹.

Children :

- i Mary⁸ Dexter.
- ii Warren P.⁸ Dexter.

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Melvin A.⁷ Dexter, son of Nathan⁶ [David⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and S. [Park] Dexter, was born 14 March, 1820, and died 28 Jan., 1851. He married Mary Quinn.

Children :

- i Jennie⁸ Dexter, b. 7 Dec., 1844; m. Arthur Egge.
- ii George⁸ Dexter, b. 26 Dec., 1848.
- iii Kate⁸ Dexter, b. 24 Oct., 1846; m. George W. Shelmirn, 26 Nov., 1871.

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John S.⁷ Dexter, son of John⁶ [David⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Deborah F. [Marsh] Dexter, was born 3

May, 1821, and died at Chicopee, Mass., 3 May, 1903. He married (1) Abigail A. Eames, 24 March, 1842; (2) Julia A. Eames, 15 April, 1846; (3) Mrs. Betsey (Eames) Bates, 19 Jan., 1882.

Children :

- 923 i Abbie A.^s Dexter, b. in Dover, Vt., 18 Oct., 1846; d. 10 Aug., 1876.
- 924 ii Clara M.^s Dexter, b. 17 July, 1848; d. 22 June, 1878; m. William P. Walsh, June, 1871.
- 925 iii Fayette M.^s Dexter, b. 3 Dec., 1849; d. 14 Aug., 1850.
- 926* iv George S.^s Dexter, b. in Newfane, Vt., 7 July, 1851; m. Mary Hyde, 13 May, 1883.
- 927 v John A.^s Dexter, b. 30 June, 1853; d. 10 Jan., 1855.
- 928 vi Lizzie A.^s Dexter, b. in Dover, Vt., 11 June, 1855; d. 3 May, 1879; m. Edwin McCrillis, May, 1878.

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Daniel Gilbert⁷ Dexter, son of David⁶ [David⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Chloe [Hazelton] Dexter, was born in Dover, Vt., 29 March, 1833. He spent his early life on his father's farm, and was educated in the common schools of his town and in the Brattleboro, Vt., Academy, where he was preparing for college. He did not enter college, however, but turned his attention to mercantile pursuits in his native town and became a partner before he was of age.

He married, 6 Feb., 1856, Miss Ellen Simonds. She was born in Peru, Vt., 5 Sept., 1832. After some years they moved to Cambridge, Mass., and he became financial partner in a large wholesale boot and shoe business in Boston. This firm was successful and he retired with a fair fortune.

He was founder of the Cambridge Tribune, which was a success from the start. The Tribune Company occupied a three-story building for printing opposite Harvard College Library. This business he sold out in 1885, and moved to Los Angeles, Cal., where he remained six years.

He then moved to San Francisco, Cal., where he has since resided. For many years he and his son, David H. Dexter, edited and published a financial and business paper, "Equity," at San Francisco. He is now President of the California Bible Society, and has been connected with the press for many years, and contributed to many of the



DANIEL GILBERT DEXTER.

leading publications of the day. He was known all over Vermont as a writer of prose and poetry and a contributor to many of the most prominent journals. While living in Cambridge he held prominent places in several of the most eminent literary organizations there. He was a member of the Board of Aldermen of that city and at one time President of the Y. M. C. A.

Two children:

- 929* i Florence Belle^c Dexter, b. 12 Aug., 1857; m. Prof. Charles H. Wiswell.
930* ii David Hazeltine^c Dexter, b. 6 July, 1875; m. Mabel Helen White.

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Frances Henrietta⁷ Dexter, daughter of Jonathan M.⁶ [Jonathan⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Harriet S. [Morse] Dexter, was born at Boston, 26 June, 1825. She



FRANCES HENRIETTA (DEXTER) TOLMAN.

was married 1 Oct., 1846, by Rev. Dr. Jenks, to James P. Tolman. He was born in Rochester, N. H., 16 July, 1821. They lived in Boston until 1865, when they moved to Philadelphia, where they remained until 1890, when they removed to Washington, D. C.

Two children:

- 931 i James Sewall Tolman, b. in Boston, 8 Nov., 1847; d. at Boston,
11 July, 1848.
- 932* ii Edward Mills Tolman, b. in Boston, 22 April, 1850; d. in
Washington, D. C., 28 May, 1903; m. Caroline G. Frishmuth
at Philadelphia, 21 July, 1875, by Rev. Robert D. Harper.



AUGUSTUS C. DEXTER.
Son of Jonathan M. Dexter.

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Augustus Charles⁷ Dexter, son of Jonathan M.⁶ [Jonathan⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Harriet S. [Morse] Dexter, was born at Boston, 28 Aug., 1829. He married at New York, 22 Oct., 1875, Alice Gilbert. He is now residing at Flushing, L. I., while his business, hardware commission house, is in New York city.

No children.

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Harriet Siverly⁷ Dexter, daughter of Jonathan M.⁶ [Jonathan⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Harriet S. [Morse] Dexter, was born at Boston, Mass., 6 Nov., 1835, and died 2 May, 1859. She was married to Charles Stephenson, 22 Dec., 1856, by Rev. Calvin Lincoln. Mr. Stephenson married for his second wife, Helen Augusta Dexter, sister of his first wife.

One child:

- 933 i Charles Henry⁸ Stephenson, b. at Hingham, Mass., 8 Jan., 1859;
d. 5 June, 1859.

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Helen Augusta⁷ Dexter, daughter of Jonathan M.⁶ [Jonathan⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Harriet S. [Morse] Dexter, was born at Boston, Mass., 26 Oct., 1840. She was married to Charles Stephenson, 9 Jan., 1862, by Rev. Calvin Lincoln.

One son, born at Hingham, Mass.:

- 934 i Charles Henry⁸ Stephenson, b. 27 Feb., 1863; m. 24 Jan., 1896,
by Rev. Samuel B. Stewart, Adaline E. Tapley, daughter of
Henry F. Tapley.

Three children, born at Lynn:

1. Preston Tapley⁹ Stephenson, b. 6 Nov., 1897.
2. Ruth⁹ Stephenson, b. 6 July, 1900.
3. Henry Dexter⁹ Stephenson, b. 3 Sept., 1901.

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Horace⁷ Dexter, son of Oliver⁶ [Jonathan⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Louisa [Preston] Dexter, married Lora R. Griffin, 16 May, 1871.

Three children:

- 935 i Effie Rosa^x Dexter, b. 13 Feb., 1872.
- 936 ii Mabel Augusta^x Dexter, b. 14 June, 1878; d. 18 Oct., 1883.
- 937 iii Frances Louisa^x Dexter, b. 20 Aug., 1881.

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Allen⁷ Dexter, son of Edward⁶ [Edward⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Biah [Barlow] Dexter, was born in 1807, and died 29 April, 1878. He married Phebe Heard, 24 April, 1842. She was born 3 Sept., 1820, and died 19 April, 1897.

Eight children:

- 938 i William F.^s Dexter, b. 1 May, 1844; d. 1862.
- 939* ii Mary A.^s Dexter, b. 15 Feb., 1846; d. 1875; m. Edward Ellis Howard, June, 1870.
- 940* iii Charles E.^s Dexter, b. 16 June, 1848; m. Elizabeth A. Gifford, 29 Sept., 1870. He was a carpenter.
- 941* iv Martha J. W.^s Dexter, b. 16 June, 1848; m. Charles Henry Andrews, 18 June, 1868.
- 942 v James A.^s Dexter, b. 20 May, 1847. He was a farmer.
- 943 vi John A.^s Dexter, b. 16 Sept., 1852; d. 1853.
- 944 vii John A.^s Dexter, b. 18 Feb., 1855; d. 1880.
- 945 viii George W.^s Dexter, b. 1 Feb., 1857. He was a box maker.

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James⁷ Dexter, son of Edward⁶ [Edward⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Biah [Barlow] Dexter, was born 24 Nov., —, and died 22 May, 1856. He married Hannah Mendall, 22 Aug., 1836.

Seven children:

- 946 i Levi^s Dexter, b. 24 Nov., 1840; m. Roseley Nickerson. One son, Milton L.^s Dexter, b. 10 March, 1878.
- 947 ii William H. H.^s Dexter, b. 24 June, 1841; d. 13 Jan., 1891.
- 948 iii Almira M.^s Dexter, b. Nov., 1842; m. George Carlton.

- 949 iv Elisha M.^o Dexter.
 950 v Sarah J.^s Dexter, b. 19 March, 1851; d. 24 March, 1851.
 951 vi Mary A.^s Dexter, b. 11 April, 1854; m. Allen Ryder, 6 Feb., 1871.
 952 vii Seth P.^s Dexter; d. 24 May, 1857.

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Sumner⁷ Dexter, son of Samuel⁶ [Edward⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mercy [Keene] Dexter, was born 23 March, 1805. He married Deborah Edwards, 13 July, 1837.

Four children:

- 953 i John A.^s Dexter, b. —; d. 1896; single.
 954 ii Mary P.^s Dexter, b. 17 April, 1845; d. 27 March, 1870.
 955* iii Samuel E.^s Dexter, b. 7 March, 1850; m. Maggie A. Headman, 3 March, 1890.
 956 iv Deborah E.^s Dexter, b. 8 May, 1854; died young.

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Jane⁷ Dexter, daughter of Captain Samuel⁶ [Edward⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mercy [Keene] Dexter, was born 4 May, 1811, and died 12 Nov., 1867. She married Frederick B. Ward, 19 Feb., 1835.

Six children:

- 957 i Sarah C.^s Ward; m. Orren V. Matteson.
 958 ii Jennie M.^s Ward; m. George Thompson.
 959 iii Carrie^s Ward; m. David Rowe.
 960 iv Hattie^s Ward; m. Lewis Ver Valen.
 961 v Helen^s Ward; m. Col. William Gavett.
 962 vi Martha^s Ward, m. — Van Deering.

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Caroline⁷ Dexter, daughter of Captain Samuel⁶ [Edward⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mercy [Keene]

Dexter, was born 11 Nov., 1812, and died 7 April, 1870. She married Ona White, 23 Dec., 1835.

Ten children:

- 963 i Mary^s White, b. —; d. 1865; m. Orren Matteson.
- 964 ii Haven L.^s White, b. —; m. Melinda Clark.
- 965 iii Wyman^s White, b. —; unmarried.
- 966 iv John Albert^s White, b. —; m. Delia Brewer.
- 967 v Lucetta^s White, b. —; unmarried.
- 968 vi Jane^s White, b. —; m. Wellington Ensign.
- 969 vii Sarah^s White, b. —; single.
- 970 viii Sherwood^s White, b. —; d. aged 9 years.
- 971 ix Amy^s White, b. —.
- 972 x Lansing^s White, b. —.

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James⁷ Dexter, son of Samuel⁶ [Edward⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mercy [Keene] Dexter, was born 21 Dec., 1814, and died 14 May, 1861. He married Pamela Dexter, 20 Sept., 1849.

Four children:

- 973 i James C.^s Dexter, b. 29 Oct., 1850; m. Elizabeth Nye.
- 974 ii Sarah M.^s Dexter, b. 30 Sept., 1856; m. Charles C. Nealey, 3 Aug., 1884.
- 975 iii Martha^s Dexter, b. —.
- 976* iv Mary M.^s Dexter, b. 30 March, 1853; m. Eben Franklin Hoskins, 9 May, 1871. He was born 17 Oct., 1846.

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Samuel⁷ Dexter, Jr., son of Samuel⁶ [Edward⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mercy [Keene] Dexter, was born 17 Jan., 1816. He married Mary Coon, 8 Jan., 1841.

Three children:

- 977 i George S.^s Dexter, b. —.
- 978 ii Gerret S.^s Dexter, b. —.
- 979 iii Edna^s Dexter, b. —.

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Sarah M.⁷ Dexter, daughter of Captain Samuel⁶ [Edward⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mercy [Keene] Dexter, was born 24 Dec., 1819, and died 26 May, 1894. She married James Parmelee, 13 Oct., 1842. He died on 15 Nov., 1854, at Smithfield, N. Y. Thus early in life she was left a widow with three small children to support. Under these trying circumstances she was equal to every emergency and developed that fortitude and heroism very few possess. She was industrious and prudent, but no one ever went away hungry from her door. August, 1870, came another affliction, when she lost her only son, then just grown to manhood. Above all this she arose and with patient, tender hands bestowed every attention possible upon the living, and all remember with gratitude "Aunt Sarah," as she was called. She died 26 May, 1894. She left two daughters.

Children :

- 980 i Mercy Elizabeth⁸ Parmelee, b. 10 Jan., 1844; m. Austin N. Hecox, 8 March, 1865.
- 981 ii Charlotte Jane⁸ Parmelee, b. 14 Aug., 1846; m. Charles E. Maynard, 8 Oct., 1867.
- 982 iii Dwight Dexter⁸ Parmelee, b. 11 June, 1851; d. 30 Aug., 1870.

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David H.⁷ Dexter, son of Samuel⁶ [Edward⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mercy [Keene] Dexter, was born 5 March, 1822, and died 25 March, 1863. He married Mary J. Dana, 1 Jan., 1848.

Two children :

- 983 i Francis C. L.⁸ Dexter.
- 984 ii Addie M.⁸ Dexter.

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Benjamin⁷ Dexter, son of Joseph⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Luce] Dexter, was born —. He married Betsey Hilman in 1809.

Seven children:

- 985 i Dennis^s Dexter, b. in Tisbury, Mass., 1811; d. 1889; m. Mary Luce.
- 986* ii George^s Dexter, b. —; m. Caroline Luce.
- 987* iii Rodolphus W.^s Dexter, b. 29 April, 1816; d. 10 Sept., 1886; m. Irene Clifford, 1838.
- 988 iv Sophia^s Dexter, b. —; m. Joseph Daggett.
- 989 v Mary^s Dexter, b. —; m. Clifford Dunham.
- 990 vi Ann^s Dexter, b. —; m. Thubal Dunham.
- 991 vii Elizabeth^s Dexter, b. —.

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Elisha⁷ Dexter, son of Joseph⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Luce] Dexter, was born —, and died 6 April, 1870. He married Eliza Merry.

One child:

- 992 i Benjamin^s Dexter, b. in Tisbury, Mass., 3 April, 1850.

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Ira⁷ Dexter, son of Joseph⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Luce] Dexter, was born in 1791, and died in 1853. He married Harriet Dunham.

Seven children, born in Tisbury:

- 993 i Ira^s Dexter, Jr., b. 1827; d. 1827.
- 994 ii Harriett^s Dexter, b. 1829; m. Thomas C. Harding, 1852.
- 995 iii Emily B.^s Dexter, b. 1834; m. Joseph B. Parker, 1874.
- 996 iv Charles^s Dexter, b. 1838.

- 997 v Abbie^s Dexter, b. 1840; d. 1859; m. Edward M. Crandell, 1855.
 998 vi Ira^s Dexter, b. 1842; d. 1884; m. Phebe A. Rumlles.
 999 vii Samuel^s Dexter, b. 1844.

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Joseph⁷ Dexter, son of Joseph⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Luce¹] Dexter, was born —. He married Charlotte Norton.

Two children:

- 1000* i Joseph^s Dexter, b. —; m. Lucy Norton.
 1001* ii Hiram^s Dexter, b. 6 May, 1813; d. 2 April, 1887; m. Love Lambert, 10 Sept., 1838.

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Rodolphus W.⁷ Dexter, son of Noah⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Delano¹] Dexter, was born 15 April, 1806, and died 25 April, 1862. He married (1) Andria C. Fuller, 10 Dec., 1833; (2) Mary H. Taber, 12 Dec., 1838; she died at Dorchester, aged 88.

Two children:

- 1002* i Caroline H.^s Dexter, b. in Fairhaven, 23 Feb., 1836; m. Henry D. Pope, 3 Feb., 1864.
 1003* ii Franklin B.^s Dexter, b. in Fairhaven, 11 Sept., 1842; m. Theodosia M. Wheeler, 8 July, 1880.

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Lucy⁷ Dexter, daughter of Benjamin⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Ruth [Delano¹] Dexter, was born 5 March, 1809, and died 12 Nov., 1871. She married Timothy Clifton, 6 Jan., 1833.

Ten children:

- 1004 i Sarah M.^s Clifton, 17 Aug., 1834; d. 5 May, 1895; m. Albert M. Parlow, 29 Nov., 1860.

- 1005 ii Julia M.^s Clifton, b. 20 July, 1835; d. 16 Dec., 1839.
- 1006 iii Benjamin D.^s Clifton, b. 22 April, 1837; d. 11 Dec., 1862. He
was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg.
- 1007 iv Obed D.^s Clifton, b. 29 Dec., 1838; m. Mary E. Savery, 30 Dec.
1886.
- 1008 v Verona D.^s Clifton, b. 22 Feb., 1841.
- 1009 vi Julia M.^s Clifton, b. 20 Oct., 1843; m. Henry C. Hazzard, 20
Nov., 1872.
- 1010 vii Martha W.^s Clifton, b. 6 Jan., 1846; m. Bertrand A. Cones, 25
March, 1869.
- 1011 viii Priscilla C.^s Clifton, b. 24 July, 1848.
- 1012 ix Timothy A.^s Clifton, b. 6 April, 1851; d. 25 Feb., 1873.
- 1013 x Edwin E.^s Clifton, b. 11 Aug., 1854; m. Lizzie L. Savery, 20
Sept., 1894.

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Lydia⁷ Dexter, daughter of Benjamin⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Ruth [Delano] Dexter, was born 5 Feb., 1815, and died in Dorchester, 13 March, 1899. She married James Hammett, 8 Oct., 1836.

Five children, born in New Bedford:

- 1014 i James Edward⁸ Hammett, b. 4 July, 1840; d. 8 May, 1845.
- 1015 ii James Edward⁸ Hammett, b. 12 April, 1846; d. 6 Feb., 1900;
never married.
- 1016 iii William Frederick⁸ Hammett, b. 3 Aug., 1848; m. Emma F.
Hartshorn, 8 Oct., 1885.
- 1017 iv Herbert⁸ Hammett, b. 19 Nov., 1850; d. 3 Feb., 1859.
- 1018 v Mary Anna⁸ Hammett, b. 19 Oct., 1858; d. 28 March, 1885;
never married.

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Benjamin⁷ Dexter, son of Benjamin⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Ruth [Delano] Dexter, was born 1 June, 1817, and died 17 April, 1879. He married Elizabeth P. Delano, 1 June, 1841.

Five children:

- 1019* i Josiah A.⁸ Dexter, b. 20 Nov., 1842; m. Susan G. Durfee, 7
Sept., 1870.

- 1020* ii Abbie M.^s Dexter, b. 28 Sept., 1844; m. Samuel E. Hicks, 23 June, 1873.
 1021 iii Caroline E.^s Dexter, b. 29 July, 1847.
 1022* iv Benjamin F.^s Dexter, b. 26 Feb., 1850; d. 2 Dec., 1901; m. Olive Kinney, 8 March, 1880.
 1023 v Ella L.^s Dexter, b. 31 Oct., 1857.

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Rufus⁷ Dexter, son of Benjamin⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Ruth [Delano] Dexter, was born 7 Feb., 1821, and died 29 July, 1866. He married Elizabeth L. Washburn, June, 1848.

Two children:

- 1024 i Rufus N.^s Dexter, b. 31 Oct., 1851; d. 8 Sept., 1869.
 1025* ii Seth L. M.^s Dexter, b. 28 March, 1854; m. Elizabeth Jenney, 3 March, 1877.

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Jonathan K.⁷ Dexter, son of Jonathan⁶ [David⁵, Josiah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Studley] Dexter, was born 12 Feb., 1812. He married Clarinda Smith, 26 Nov., 1838.

Three children, born in Rochester:

- 1026* i Horace^s Dexter, b. 15 Sept., 1839; m. Ann E. Lyman, 25 Feb., 1869.
 1027* ii Mary^s Dexter, b. 17 June, 1844; m. James Landers, 5 Sept., 1861.
 1028 iii George^s Dexter, b. —.

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Martha M.⁷ Dexter, daughter of E. Allen⁶ [David⁵, Josiah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and ——— Dexter, was born 12 July, 1836. She married Noah Hammond, 2 June, 1861.

Two children, born at Mattapoisett:

- 1029⁺ i Allen Dexter⁺ Hammond, b. 1 June, 1871; m. Eliza Lenora Shaw, 19 Sept., 1894.
 1030 ii Clara Lucinda⁺ Hammond, b. 23 Dec., 1872; m. Lemuel LeBaron Dexter, 26 July, 1899.

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John⁷ Dexter, son of Constant⁶ [Isaac⁵, Constant⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Rebecca [Billington] Dexter, was born 23 June, 1800. He married Mary B. Shaw.

Eight children, born in Wayne, Maine:

- 1031 i John S.⁸ Dexter, b. 12 Feb., 1827; m. Susan J. Smith, 15 Feb., 1857.
 1032 ii Mary J.⁸ Dexter, b. 15 Dec., 1828; m. S. B. Norris.
 1033^{*} iii Henry C.⁸ Dexter, b. 21 April, 1831; m. Ellen E. Carll, 17 Dec., 1864.
 1034 iv Edwin S.⁸ Dexter, b. 6 Oct., 1833; m. Annie Richardson.
 1035 v Alanson⁸ Dexter, b. 14 July, 1836; d. 4 Dec., 1836.
 1036 vi Annie D.⁸ Dexter, b. 2 Jan., 1838; m. Joel T. Phelps, 14 Sept., 1856.
 1037 vii Jairus A.⁸ Dexter, b. 11 Aug., 1841; d. 22 Aug., 1864.
 1038 viii Samuel W.⁸ Dexter, b. 6 Oct., 1846; d. 28 Nov., 1866.

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Stephen T.⁷ Dexter, son of Freeman⁶ [Isaac⁵, Constant⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Polly Dexter, was born 19 April, 1818. He married Betsey R. Dexter, 26 April, 1843.

Three children:

- 1039 i Arianah F.⁸ Dexter, b. East Boston, 28 Dec., 1845; m. Eugene F. Margot, 12 Oct., 1886.
 1040 ii Roamy M.⁸ Dexter, b. in Wayne, Me., 16 Oct., 1849; m. Cloves N. Bacon, 3 Sept., 1873.
 1041 iii Alston S.⁸ Dexter, b. in East Boston, 15 July, 1856.

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Lewis⁷ Dexter, son of Amasa⁶ [Isaac⁵, Constant⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Martha [Burgess] Dexter, was born 8 April, 1810, and died 11 Feb., 1889. He married (1) Malatiah Norris, 7 Nov., 1834; (2) Mary Dexter, 10 Nov., 1859.

Four children by first wife, born in Wayne, Maine:

- 1042 i Henry A.⁸ Dexter, b. 7 Sept., 1836; m. Euphrata Foss, 8 Jan., 1859.
- 1043 ii Aurelia A.⁸ Dexter, b. 29 Jan., 1839; m. Frank L. Morse, 16 July, 1859.
- 1044 iii Sarah A.⁸ Dexter, b. 25 May, 1841; d. 17 Aug., 1878; m. Captain A. Everts, 25 Jan., 1864.
- 1045 iv Deborah O.⁸ Dexter, b. 28 June, 1843; d. 21 Oct., 1854.

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Rev. Henry Vaughn⁷ Dexter, D.D., son of Amasa⁶ [Isaac⁵, Constant⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Martha [Burgess] Dexter, was born 3 April, 1815. He was a graduate of Waterville College (now Colby), and for many years a trustee of that institution, and was a pastor of leading churches in Maine and Massachusetts. He married (1) Nancy C. Herrick, 1 Sept., 1845, and after her decease he married (2) Mary Edna Boardman, 20 Jan., 1851. She was a descendant of the Newburyport Boardmans and Tappans. He died at Templeton, Mass., 23 July, 1884.

Six children:

- 1046 i Frances E.⁸ Dexter, b. in Calais, Me., 26 Oct., 1851; d. 26 Sept., 1854.
- 1047 ii Mary E.⁸ Dexter, b. in Calais, Me., 30 July, 1853; m. Capt. Fordyce B. Perkins, 7 May, 1873.
- 1048 iii Henry B.⁸ Dexter, b. in Augusta, Me., 7 Jan., 1855; m. Lizzie A. Wineote, 31 Jan., 1889.

- 1049* iv George T.^s Dexter, b. in Augusta, Me., 25 Jan., 1860; m. Nellie J. Greenwood, 14 April, 1880.
 1050 v Elwell V.^s Dexter, b. in Calais, Me., 6 Nov., 1863.
 1051* vi Edwin Grant^s Dexter, b. in Calais, Me., 21 July, 1868.

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Edward G.⁷ Dexter, son of Amasa⁶ [Isaac⁵, Constant⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Martha [Burgess] Dexter, was born 9 April, 1824. He married (1) Harriett R. Thomas, 6 Oct., 1851; (2) Mary L. Lamson, 3 July, 1864.

Children:

- 1052 i Anna M.^s Dexter, b. 31 Aug., 1852; m. Abner Wing.
 1053 ii Stella G.^s Dexter, b. 24 March, 1853; m. Frank Marston.

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Susan⁷ Gorham, daughter of Mary⁶ [Samuel⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and John Gorham, was born in Barre, ———. She married Nathan Taylor, son of Capt. Seth and Mehitable Taylor. He was born in 1782, and died 11 May, 1815, aged 32. His father died in 1811, aged 66, and his mother in 1832, aged 91 years.

They had five children:

- 1054 i Mehitable^s Taylor, b. ———.
 1055 ii Fanny^s Taylor, b. ———.
 1056 iii Levina^s Taylor, b. ———.
 1057 iv John Gorham^s Taylor, b. 1812; d. at Springfield, 1866.
 1058 v Nathan^s Taylor, b. 1815; m. Lucy S. Haven of Barre, 7 Dec., 1853.

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Bethsheba⁷ Dexter, daughter of Eleazer⁶ [Samuel⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Charity [Williams] Dexter, was born 22 Feb., 1789, and died in 1855. She

married Silas⁶ Newton, son of Lemuel⁵ (Silas⁴, Josiah³ Moses², Richard¹) and Chloe (Hitchcock) Newton, 21 June, 1811.

Six children were born to this family :

- 1059 i Elvira Augusta⁸ Newton, b. 1812.
- 1060 ii Stephen Dexter⁸ Newton, bapt. 14 April, 1814; d. 12 Sept., 1837.
- 1061 iii Benjamin D.⁸ Netwon, b. 1816; d. 7 Nov., 1837.
- 1062 iv Susanna Freeman⁸ Newton, bapt. Oct., 1819; m. Calvin H. Bassett, Dec., 1854.
- 1063 v Elvira A.⁸ Newton, bapt. 12 May, 1822; m. James Griffin of Ware, 12 Dec., 1848.
- 1064 vi Stephen E.⁸ Newton, b. 1826.

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Charity W.⁷ Dexter, daughter of Eleazer⁶ [Samuel⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Charity [Williams] Dexter, was born 5 Aug., 1795. She married Gardner⁶ Newton, son of Silas⁵ (Timothy⁴, Josiah³, Moses², Richard¹) and Naomi Washburn, pub. 17 Sept., 1827. He was born 9 Oct., 1789, and died 23 March, 1864.

Three children :

- 1065 i Luke⁸ Newton, b. 12 Sept., 1829; d. 3 Sept., 1858.
- 1066 ii John⁸ Newton, b. 28 March, 1833; d. 5 March, 1866.
- 1067 iii Charles⁸ Newton, b. 28 March, 1837; d. 9 April, 1862; m. Mary D. Sturtevant, 14 March, 1861. At death of her husband she married (2) John S. Kelmer, pub. 5 Oct., 1863.

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Joseph Dean⁷ Dexter, son of Eleazer⁶ [Samuel⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Charity [Williams] Dexter, was born 31 Aug., 1797. He married Olive Gould, 15 Nov., 1818. He lost an arm and his eyesight by an accident, but was a successful showman, and secured a comfortable maintenance for his family.

Four children:

- 1068⁻ i Joseph Dean^s Dexter, Jr., bapt. 18 June, 1820; m. Almeda Anderson, 8 March, 1846.
 1069 ii Alma^s Dexter, bapt. 14 Aug., 1821; d. 4 Feb., 1823.
 1070 iii William Alfred^s Dexter, bapt. 25 Sept., 1823.
 1071⁻ iv Nancy M.^s Dexter, b. 1825; m. (1) Henry B. Gould, 6 May, 1847; (2) Joseph C. Page (b. 1819), 2 Nov., 1865.

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Arethusa⁷ Dexter, daughter of Eleazer⁶ [Samuel⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Charity [Williams] Dexter, was born in 1805, and died 6 April, 1862. She married John⁴ Johnson, son of John³ (Zebadiah², Zebadiah¹) Johnson, and Mary () Johnson, 5 Oct., 1828. He was born in 1805, and died 2 May, 1876.

One child:

- 1072 i William^s Johnson, b. —; m. Eunice C. Sturtevant, 18 Aug., 1880.

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Williams⁷ Dexter, son of Samuel⁶ [Samuel⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Sally [Williams] Dexter, was born 9 April, 1800, and died 12 May, 1836. He married Maria, daughter of Israel Knowlton, 3 June, 1828, and resided in Cambridge, Mass.

Two children:

- 1073 i Samuel W.^s Dexter, b. Feb., 1828; d. 18 Aug., 1830.
 1074 ii Lucy M.^s Dexter, b. —; m. James B. Wiggin. Resided in Cambridge.

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Alma⁷ Dexter, daughter of Samuel⁶ [Samuel⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Sally [Williams] Dexter,

was born in Hardwick in 1804, and died 21 Sept., 1840. She married Joseph² Newcomb of Hardwick, pub. 11 Feb., 1828. He was the son of Joseph³ (Annas², Joseph¹) and Abigail Abbott Newcomb, and was born in Hardwick 16 Dec., 1800. His father was a clothier and farmer, born in Norton in 1762 and removed to Hardwick in 1791, where he remained until his death in 1823.

After their marriage they lived upon the farm and brought up a family of four children:

- 1075 i Alma Maria⁵ Newcomb, b. 29 March, 1830; m. Stephen P. Hillman, 4 Dec., 1851.
- 1076 ii John Joseph⁸ Newcomb, b. 29 Jan., 1832; m. Cordelia Gould, pub. 13 March, 1857. They had no children. He was town assessor seven years, from 1871 to 1878.
- 1077 iii Sarah W.⁸ Newcomb, b. 15 Oct., 1834; m. Charles S. Clark, 14 Dec., 1856.
- 1078 iv Samuel Williams⁸ Newcomb, b. 9 Oct., 1836; m. Julia Ann Dennis, 23 April, 1863. Two children: William Adonijah⁹ Newcomb, b. 6 March, 1865; Julia Alma⁹ Newcomb, b. 25 April, 1869.

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Mary⁷ Dexter, daughter of Jedediah⁶ [Samuel⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Abigail [Eager] Dexter, was born in 1805. She married Milton Peck, a blacksmith of Hubbardston, Mass., 20 Oct., 1823. He was born in 1800 and died in 1855. They made their home in Hardwick after 1838, and lived near the Barre line. After her husband's decease in 1855, she married a Mr. Clark and moved to South Abington, where she died 4 Feb., 1881, aged 75.

Eight children:

- 1079 i Mary⁸ Peck, b. about 1824; m. Ebenezer P. Staples of Taunton, 11 Nov., 1845. She was his second wife, his first wife being Luthera G. Dexter daughter of Jedediah⁶ (Samuel⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹).
- 1080 ii Jane⁸ Peck, b. 1827; m. Francis Legate, 2 June, 1847.

- 1081 iii S. E. Willard⁸ Peck, b. 1832; m. Almena Austin of Hubbardston, 30 April, 1862. Children: Walter Lewis⁹ Peck, b. 14 May, 1878, and others.
- 1082 iv Sarah B.⁸ Peck, b. 1834; m. Benjamin O. Gardner, 7 Dec., 1853.
- 1083 v Luther M.⁸ Peck, b. 1840; d. 1858; unmarried.
- 1084 vi William C.⁸ Peck, b. 1842; m. Hannah Atwood, 11 March, 1862. Children:
1. Nellie Emily⁹, b. 22 Aug., 1866.
 2. Mattie L.,⁹ b. 6 Nov., 1870.
- 1085 vii Susan Ann⁸ Peck, b. 3 Nov., 1847; d. 31 July, 1848.
- 1086 viii Samuel Dexter⁸ Peck, b. —; m. Sarah —. Children:
1. Willie Dexter⁹ Peck, b. 18 Nov., 1861.
 2. One son⁹, b. 16 April, 1866.

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Cassandra⁷ Dexter, daughter of Jonathan⁶ [Samuel⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter, was born 1 Sept., 1813, and died 29 May, 1880. She married Lemuel F. Taylor, who came from Buckland to Hubbardston, April, 1836.

Two children:

- 1087* i Caroline Angelia⁸ Taylor, b. 1 March, 1841; m. Darius Parsons of Sutton, 24 Nov., 1877.
- 1088 ii Sarah Arabella⁸ Taylor, b. 27 June, 1856.

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Luther Cheney⁷, son of Lucy⁶ [Ichabod⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Moses Cheney, was born in Orange, Mass., 9 May, 1788, and died 2 Dec., 1848. He married Sabra Allen of Mendon. She was born 28 Dec., 1788, and died 3 June, 1885.

Six children:

- 1089 i Henry⁸ Cheney, b. 14 Oct., 1808; d. 22 Feb., 1885; m. (1) Isabelle Cayle; (2) Eliza Cayle.
- 1090 ii Allen⁸ Cheney, b. 8 Aug., 1811; m. Susan Cayle.

- 1091 iii Julia Maria^s Cheney, b. 5 Dec., 1814; d. 26 Aug., 1816.
- 1092 iv Luther Norman^s Cheney, b. 5 Oct., 1818; m. (1) Elizabeth
 Danforth; (2) Harriet Lyman.
- 1093 v Lucien West^s Cheney, b. Oct., 1822.
- 1094 vi Edwin Thayer^s Cheney, b. 2 Dec., 1828.

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Rhoda B.⁷ Cheney, daughter of Luey⁶ [Ichabod⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Moses Cheney, was born 27 Sept., 1806. She married Adams French, Jr., who was born 24 June, 1802, and died 26 Aug., 1854. She married (2) Cheney Lewis, 14 Jan., 1861. He was born in 1798.

Four children:

- 1095* i Adams^s French, 3d, b. 1828; m. Abby E. Kellogg, 25 Jan.,
 1849.
- 1096* ii Mary A.^s French, b. 1829; m. Franklin L. Waters, 22 April,
 1850.
- 1097* iii Lysander^s French, b. 1839; m. Julia A. Hunt, 1 May, 1855.
- 1098* iv Moses C.^s French, b. 1842; m. Kate E. Bishop, 5 Jan., 1842.

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Foster B.⁷ Dexter, son of John⁶ [Job⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Luey [Dennis] Dexter, was born 19 July, 1806, and died 3 March, 1865. He married Phebe P. —.

One child:

- 1099* i William N.^s Dexter, b. 15 Aug., 1843; m. (1) Frances New-
 land, Aug., 1870; (2) Mary J. Dooley, 7 April, 1887; (3)
 Lillia Adell Field, 22 Dec., 1897. She was born 18 April, 1857.

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William Augustus⁷ Wheeler, son of Anna⁶ [Job⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter, and Thomas Wheeler, Jr., was born in Hardwick, 31 March, 1798. He married Almira Warner Allen, daughter of Moses Allen of Hard-

wick. She was born 20 Feb., 1803, and died 28 Feb., 1867. He died in 1873.

He learned the trade of blacksmith and was one of the oldest iron founders in the State, having begun in 1812 at "Old Furnace Village," Hardwick, named for the furnace established there by his father. From Hardwick he went to Brookfield. In 1823 he moved to Worcester, Mass., where he established a foundry. In 1825 he was associated with some of the leading men of Worcester in a foundry at Brookfield, where all kinds of castings were made, the doors of the Court House in Worcester being of his manufacture. He returned to Worcester in 1830 and continued at the old stand for over forty years.

He designed the first boring machine in Worcester. In 1838 he got out patterns for cooking-stoves. In 1842 he invented a furnace for heating buildings. In 1838 he added to his business the manufacture of brass castings. In 1852 his son, Charles A. Wheeler, became associated with him, continuing until his death in 1867.

Mr. Wheeler filled many official positions from Worcester's earliest history. He was one of the Worcester Aqueduct Company in 1845. In 1848 he became the contractor for building the Worcester & Nashua Railroad, an enterprise which his untiring energy and skill enabled him to carry through amid many discouragements. He was one of the original founders of the Worcester Mechanics Association in 1841, and was its first President. He was very influential in the building of the beautiful Mechanics Hall.

He was a man of indomitable will and strictest integrity, and of very clear judgment and generous disposition. He was a member of the Second Church (Unitarian) of Worcester. In politics he was first a Whig and then a Republican.

He and his wife and their deceased children are buried in the family lot in Rural Cemetery, Worcester.

Children:

- 1100^s i Charles Augustus^s Wheeler, b. 27 Jan., 1826.
- 1101⁺ ii William Fiske^s Wheeler, b. 24 June, 1830.

- 1102 iii Anna Maria^s Wheeler, b. 12 Sept., 1832; m. William Read, 13 Nov., 1856.
- 1103 iv Josephine^s Wheeler, b. 12 Nov., 1834; d. 15 Dec., 1834.
- 1104^{*} v Moses Allen^s Wheeler, b. 19 Aug., 1838.
- 1105 vi Eliza Jane^s Wheeler, b. 19 Dec., 1841; d. 11 Dec., 1871.
- 1106 vii Sarah Frances^s Wheeler, b. 10 April, 1844; m. Frederick W. Jenkins of Barre, Mass., 8 June, 1871.
- 1107 viii Thomas^s Wheeler, b. 19 July, 1847.
- 1108 ix Franklin^s Wheeler, b. 19 July, 1847; d. 31 July, 1887.

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Zenas Hinkley⁷ Dexter, son of Ichabod⁶ [Job⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Sally [Eager] Dexter, was born 9 May, 1806, and died 11 Oct., 1851, aged 46 years. He married (1) Sarah F. Penniman, 19 May, 1831; she died 9 May, 1837; (2) Lucinda Wood, 28 Aug., 1837.

In his will he gives his wife, Lucinda Dexter, all the furniture that belonged to her at marriage, and six hundred dollars. To his daughter, Harriet Jane Dexter, all the articles of furniture that belonged to her mother, Sarah F. Dexter, at the time of her marriage, and one hundred dollars. To his sons, Zenas H. and George F., all the real estate and personal property remaining. Estate valued at \$3400. William Mixer, executor; John Raymond, guardian of children.

Children:

- 1109 i Zenas H.^s Dexter, b. 14 April, 1832.
- 1110 ii George Turrell^s Dexter, b. 20 June, 1833.
- 1111 iii Harriet Jane^s Dexter, b. 1836; m. Pliny Fisk Chandler, 5 March, 1853; died 5 April, 1866.

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Edward⁷ Dexter, son of Ichabod⁶ [Job⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Sally [Eager⁷] Dexter, was born 3 Nov., 1811, and died 24 Dec., 1862. He married Louise Powers, 6 June, 1842. He was a farmer and lived in Hardwick, Mass.

Children:

- 1112 i Charles E.⁸ Dexter, b. 23 Aug., 1843; d. in Springfield, 29 July, 1872.
- 1113 ii Frederick⁸ Dexter, b. 26 May, 1845; d. July, 1854.
- 1114 iii Albert H.⁸ Dexter, b. 27 Aug., 1847; m. —.
- 1115 iv Clara Lunetta⁸ Dexter, b. 4 April, 1851.
- 1116 v Willie H.⁸ Dexter, b. —.

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Hannah⁷ Dexter, daughter of Ichabod⁶ [Job⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Alice [Amidon] Dexter, was born —. She married Lysander Powers of Hardwick, March, 1842.

Children:

- 1117 i Joel Lysander⁸ Powers, b. 17 Nov., 1843; m. Jennie E. Knight.
- 1118 ii Frank⁸ Powers, b. 19 Sept., 1846; m. Anna K. Garney of Marblehead, 6 Nov., 1872. She died 11 Sept., 1873, aged 30.
- 1119 iii Elmer D.⁸ Powers, b. 12 Dec., 1853; m. Anna W. Conant of Barre, 29 June, 1875.

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Alexander⁷ Morton, son of James⁶ [Mary⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Chloe [Forbush] Morton, was born in 1811. He married Martha Wheeler.

Children:

- 1120 i Lois⁸ Morton, b. 1842; m. M. D. Clark.
- 1121* ii George L.⁸ Morton, b. 1846; m. —. Three children.

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Vashney⁷ Lord, son of Esther⁶ [Sarah⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Joseph Lord, was born 19 May, 1791. He married Sarah —.

Children :

- 1122 i Lansinda R.^s Lord, b. 26 July, 1826.
- 1123 ii Vashney^s Lord, b. 20 Aug., 1828.
- 1124 iii Luther^s Lord, b. 1 Nov., 1830.
- 1125 iv Joseph G.^s Lord, b. 7 Nov., 1838.

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Alfred⁷ Tucker, son of Sally⁶ [Sarah⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Joshua Tucker, was born in 1808, and died 26 April, 1866. He married (1st) Mary —; she was born in 1810, and died 21 June, 1838; (2^d) —.

Children :

- 1126 i Wilcott^s Tucker, b. 1835; d. 1858.
- 1127 ii Addison^s Tucker, b. 11 Oct., 1845.

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Samuel⁷ Morton, son of Hannah⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Benjamin⁶ Morton, Jr., was born in 1796. He married —.

Children :

- 1128 i Harrison^s Morton, b. 1813; m. —. Son, William Morton.
- 1129* ii Shatley^s Morton, b. 1815.
- 1130* iii Benjamin^s Morton, b. —.
- 1131* iv Almon^s Morton, b. 1820.
- 1132 v Louisa^s Morton, b. 1822; never married.
- 1133 vi Betsey^s Morton, b. 1827; m. Winfield Baker.
- 1134 vii Dexter^s Morton, b. 1829; m. —. Son, William Morton.
- 1135 viii Mary^s Morton, b. 1831; m. John Johee.
- 1136 ix Sylvester^s Morton, b. 1832; m. —. Son, Frank Morton.

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Anna⁷ Dexter, daughter of Benjamin⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Betsey [Legg] Dexter,

was born 31 March, 1806, and died 30 Sept., 1849. She married, 24 June, 1834, Job Fry, the son of Job and Pennald (Drake) Fry. He was born in 1802, and married for his first wife, Florella Clark, who was born 27 Dec., 1806, and died 7 Aug., 1833. He then married Anna Dexter, 24 June, 1834. She died 30 Sept., 1849. He then married Luthervia (Robinson) Burt of Ware, 15 April, 1851. He died in 1868.

He had two children by first wife, and four by second wife:

- 1137 i F. Arvilla^s Fry, b. 25 April, 1831; d. 9 April, 1901; m. George W. Dexter, 27 May, 1856.
- 1138 ii Ellen S.^s Fry, b. 29 July, 1833; m. Charles C. Patterson, 3 Sept., 1854. Now lives in Florida.
- 1139 iii Elizabeth Ann^s Fry, b. 28 Feb., 1835; d. in California, 19 Nov., 1903; m. John Sampson in 1866.
- 1140 iv Job Warren^s Fry, b. 30 Aug., 1837; d. 5 July, 1838.
- 1141 v Martha Jane^s Fry, b. 14 Aug., 1840; d. 5 Nov., 1851.
- 1142 vi George Dexter^s Fry, b. 14 Nov., 1842; d. 27 Aug., 1844.

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Amasa⁷ Dexter, son of Benjamin⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Betsey [Legg] Dexter, was born 3 Dec., 1808, at Orange, where he spent the early years of his life. He married 21 Feb., 1833, Roanna Allen of Joy, Me., and they went to keeping house in the old homestead. They remained there until after their second child was born, when they moved to Wendell, where they remained about twenty years, and there his other children were born. While there he worked in a mill. Upon his return they settled upon the old farm, living in the house built by George W. Dexter, and there they died, she in January, 1866, and he in October, 1883. He made several transfers of property between 1837 and 1866, but devoted his later years to farming.

They had eight children:

- 1143* i Trustum Durell² Dexter, b. in Orange, 7 July, 1834; d. by accident at Clinton, 4 May, 1904; m. Mary Susan Calligan in 1862. She was born 8 Sept., 1840.
- 1144* ii Benjamin Allen² Dexter, b. 25 Oct., 1836; m. Laura O. Webb, 4 April, 1860.
- 1145 iii Edward S.² Dexter, b. 22 Jan., 1838; d. 19 Dec., 1840.
- 1146 iv Lucy H.² Dexter, b. 10 Dec., 1840; d. 27 July, 1841.
- 1147* v Elihu Osgood Clark² Dexter, b. 12 Aug., 1842; m. Mary Jane Miner, 1867.
- 1148* vi Hephzibah² Dexter, b. 24 Jan., 1845; m. Henry Davis Barber, 1867.
- 1149* vii Hoyt² Dexter, b. 20 Aug., 1847; m. Anna M. Scott, 20 Sept., 1876.
- 1150* viii Anna² Dexter, b. 13 Aug., 1850; d. 7 Jan., 1904; m. (1) B. F. Miner, 1870; (2) Charles Stevens, 1884.

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Moses⁷ Dexter, son of Benjamin⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Betsey [Logg] Dexter, was born 26 Jan., 1811, and died 22 Dec., 1846. He married Persis Lord, 13 April, 1837. She was born 15 Nov., 1813, daughter of Joseph Lord and Unity W. (Ruggles) Lord. She married (2) Reuben Jennison (born 24 Feb., 1800), 1 Jan., 1850. He was a son of Nathaniel and Catharine (Sibley) Jennison. One child, W. R. Jennison, born 11 March, 1853.

- 1151* i Joseph L.² Dexter, b. 7 Jan., 1838; m. Sarah J. Wood, 7 Oct., 1858.
- 1152* ii Remember² Dexter, b. 11 Dec., 1841; m. M. Louisa Sheldon, 29 Sept., 1868.

Robert¹ Lord, the first of this line to arrive in this country, was at Ipswich in 1636; was Representative in 1638, town clerk, clerk of courts and register of deeds. He married Mary Waite, and had a family of eight children. He died in 1638.

Thomas² Lord, son of Robert¹, was born in 1633 at Ipswich. He married Alice Rand, and had a family of eight children.

Joseph³ Lord, son of Thomas², was born in Charlestown, Mass., 30 June, 1672. He graduated from Harvard in 1691. From 1692 to 1695 he taught school in Dorchester. He married Abigail Hinckley, daughter of Governor Thomas Hinckley (by his first wife), on 3 June, 1698. In 1695 he was ordained pastor and went to South Carolina, where he remained twenty years. He returned to Massachusetts, and in 1720 was installed pastor of a church in Chatham, where he continued to preach until his death in 1748. He had eight children.

Joseph⁴ Lord, son of Joseph³, was born 27 Sept., 1704. He was graduated from Harvard College in 1726, and practiced medicine in Sunderland, Mass. In September, 1735, he, with four others, went to Athol, he being one of the first settlers of that place. He became the principal man of the town. He was the first doctor, the first preacher, the first magistrate, first treasurer, the first tax gatherer and the first surveyor. At length a misunderstanding arose between Mr. Lord and the proprietors, and for some reason he refused to give up the books and records which he had in his possession, and an action was brought against him for their recovery. The court rendered a judgment against him in November, 1759, for £1000. The result was, Mr. Lord left Athol and went to Putney, Vt. (then New Hampshire), where he lived thirty years, holding high and responsible positions. By commission dated 16 July, 1766, he was appointed second judge of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and justice of the peace for Cumberland County. He died at Westmoreland, N. H., 7 Dec., 1788, aged 85 years. He had seven children.

Thomas⁵ Lord, son of Dr. Joseph⁴, was born 17 Jan., 1736. He married Leonard Smith, 18 Oct., 1760. They had eleven children. He was one of the minute-men at the alarm at Lexington.

Joseph⁶ Lord, son of Thomas⁵, was born 26 Oct., 1763, and died 1 July, 1832. He married (1) Esther Johnson, 31 Jan., 1786; she died in 1807; (2) Unity W. Ruggles, 15 Sept., 1805; she was born 9 Nov., 1780-2, and died in 1840.

Persis⁷ Lord, daughter of Joseph⁶, was born in 1813. She married Moses Dexter, 13 April, 1837. (See Moses Dexter account, 702.)

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David⁷ Dexter, son of Benjamin⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Betsey [Legg] Dexter, was



DAVID DEXTER.

born at Orange, Mass., 10 April, 1813, and died at Black River, N. Y., 9 Aug., 1880.

On Nov. 5, 1835, he was married to Maria Hubbard, daughter of Daniel and Susan (Eddy) Hubbard of Royalston, Mass. She was born 28 July, 1812, and died at Black River, N. Y., 10 July, 1895.

David Dexter was educated in the common schools of his native town. As a young man he was a carpenter and joiner. In 1838, on account of his health, he found it neces-

sary to leave his home in Orange, and go to Black River, where he decided to locate.

He made a contract with Nelson Scott to build a chair factory, and, returning to Massachusetts in the fall of 1839, he moved his family, consisting of his wife and one son, Everett, to Black River, making the trip overland in wagons.

Four years later he returned to Orange on a visit, taking his family with him. The trip was made by carriage, the provisions carried in a large cheese-box under the seat, and the nights spent at road-houses along the way.

He enlarged the original factory buildings from time to time, admitting in 1864 his son, Everett, as junior partner. In 1866 the entire factory was burned. Before breakfast the next morning after the fire, he went to the owner of another shop and made a bargain to buy it. The factory was at once rebuilt on a larger scale. The business constantly increased in size until at the time of his death seventy men were employed. The rough log direct from the woodsman was rolled in at one end of the building and came out at the other a completed chair.

His reputation was second to none in the country for good work, and the "Dexter chairs" found a ready market all over the United States and Canada and in Europe. His word was considered as good as his bond. He was an excellent mechanic and was ready to adopt new machinery and ideas as they were developed. He built many machines from his own plans.

He was active in public improvement and did much to promote the building of Carthage, Watertown and Sacketts Harbor Railroad, which connected with the Utica & Black River Railroad at Carthage, and the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad at Watertown. This road was a means of greatly developing the business at Black River. He was a director of the railroad from the beginning until his death. He was the principal mover in the erection of a church in his village, and after the completion, his money chiefly maintained it.

At his death in 1880, his estate, consisting of the factory and some real estate, was left to his wife and two sons, Everett and Erwin.

Children :

- 1153 i Everett Augustus^s Dexter, b. 3 Aug., 1836; d. 12 March, 1893.
- 1154 ii Daniel^s Dexter, b. 31 May, 1841; d. 11 May, 1842.
- 1155 iii Charles^s Dexter, b. 3 Jan., 1845; d. 12 Aug., 1857.
- 1156 iv David Erwin^s Dexter, b. 8 Feb., 1849.

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Aaron⁷ Dexter, son of Benjamin⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Betsey [Legg] Dexter, was born 12 July, 1815, and died in 1896. He married Hester McLean. She was born in 1819, and died in 1888.

He was born at Orange and educated in the schools of that town. Soon after 1840 he moved to Black River, N. Y., where his brother David had established a manufactory of chairs, and for a time he was associated with him in the business, but later he sold his interest to David, but remained as an employee.

No children.

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Simeon⁷ Dexter, seventh son and ninth child of Benjamin⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Frances [Tuttle] Dexter, was born 30 Aug., 1822, in Orange, and grew up on his father's farm. By intelligent use of his opportunities in the common schools of his native town, he was enabled to teach school as a beginning in independent effort. About the time of his majority he suffered a fracture of his wrist, and soon after went to Boston, where he secured employment in a wholesale grocery establishment owned by an uncle. While there he dislocated the same

wrist while at work, and made a visit to his half-brothers, David and Aaron, at Black River, while recovering the use of his arm. This was in 1844. The elder brother had established a chair factory, in which the second was employed,



Simon Dexter

and to whose activity and usefulness much of the success of the enterprise was owing. Simon decided to cast his lot with his brothers, and entered the employ of the elder in the shop as soon as he was able to work. After a year he became a partner in the business, which was then conducted

under the title of D. & S. Dexter, until 5 December, 1857, when Simeon sold out his interest. The factory at that time was located on the south side of the river, where Simeon lived. On the 1st of January, 1858, he moved to the north side, in the town of Leray, and began the manufacture of a wire-tooth hay rake, which he continued until 1870. At the same time he managed the farm which he had purchased and on which he lived and maintained his shop. Most of his manufacturing was done in the winter, and chiefly by himself, and was made quite profitable. In 1870 Mr. Dexter went to Watertown and purchased a half interest in the Excelsior Mills, then owned by Moulton & Herriek, and the new firm became Dexter & Herriek. For five years this arrangement was continued until failing health compelled Mr. Dexter to retire. In 1876 he returned to Black River and continued to reside there until his death, 13 Aug., 1898, when his seventy-sixth year was almost completed.

Upon the death of his younger son, he became part owner of the chair factory of the latter, but did not operate it.

About 1873, while residing in Watertown, Mr. Dexter united with the Arsenal Street Methodist Church, in which he served for some time as steward. On returning to Black River he transferred his membership and was trustee and steward of the local church. In early life he acted politically with the Whig party, and he was a member of the Jefferson County convention in which the Republican party was locally organized, as colleague of his father-in-law, Phineas Hardy, and was ever after a loyal supporter of its principles. He did not desire to enter the public service and avoided office-holding.

He was married 10 Dec., 1851, to Maria Hardy, third child and eldest daughter of Phineas and Sarah (Howland) Hardy. Their children were Henry C., Charles P. and Fanny Sarah, and two who died in infancy.

Simeon Dexter was a man of unusual intelligence and grasp of affairs. He was an extensive reader, and his excellent memory enabled him to make use of his information.

With native acumen, he arrived at sound conclusions, grasping details without exhaustive examination; was cheerful, and he was a pleasant companion and popular with all classes of people. His demise was mourned by all who knew him.

Children:

- 1157 i Henry Clay^s Dexter, b. 4 May, 1858; m. Clara Louise Tisdale, 1885.
- 1158 ii Charles Phineas^s Dexter, b. 2 Sept., 1860; d. 3 May, 1886.
- 1159 iii Sarah Frances^s Dexter, b. 4 Oct., 1862; d. 12 Feb., 1885.
- 1160 iv Anna M.^s Dexter, b. 21 Aug., 1864; d. 7 Sept., 1864.
- 1161 v Maria^s Dexter, b. 1865; d. 1868.

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Betsey^r Dexter, daughter of Benjamin⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Frances [Tuttle] Dexter, was born 30 May, 1825. She married Luther Ramsey, 6 May, 1846; he was born 21 Aug., 1821, and died in 1902. In early life Mr. Ramsey manufactured what was known as the "Orange sleigh," but was for many years the principal undertaker in Orange, and at his decease his son continued the business.

Children:

- 1162 i Orrin B.^s Ramsey, b. in Orange, 24 May, 1848.
- 1163 ii Augusta A.^s Ramsey, b. 4 Aug., 1851; m. Edgar Ephraim Howard of Winchester, N. H., 15 May, 1872; he was born 29 March, 1851.
- 1164 iii Horace Hartwell^s Ramsey, b. 25 June, 1857; m. Lillian Clark.

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Samuel Stillman^r Dexter, son of Benjamin⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Frances [Tuttle] Dexter, was born at Orange, 4 March, 1829. He married Maria C. Dewey, 5 Sept., 1855; she was born 18 Feb., 1831.

He was born the day on which Andrew Jackson was inaugurated President of the United States. He acquired his elementary education in the public school of Orange; afterwards he pursued his studies at the Shelburne Falls Academy, at the seminary at Gouverneur, N. Y., at the Westfield Normal School, and at the Lancaster Normal School, earning his own way. During the seven years after



SAMUEL STILLMAN DEXTER.

finishing his normal course, he taught in the high school at Hartford, Ct.; Rockport, Orange and Oxford in his native State. He then took up the business of civil engineer, land surveyor and conveyancer. In 1871 he received appointment as justice of the peace. His business gave him an intimate acquaintance with the local history of his own and neighboring towns.

He was active in advancing the educational and literary

interests of his town, serving with fidelity on the School Board for ten years, and as Library Committee for an equal length of time. He was also an influential member of the Board of Trade. He and Sylvester Davis were the leading spirits in forming the Orange Historical and Antiquarian Society, and contributed a large share of the articles that compose the collection of that Society.

Keenly observant of nature in his travels over New England and New York State, he was constantly studying plant and animal life and the geology and mineralogy of the regions through which he passed. To ride with him about the country and see nature with his eyes, was counted a privilege by his friends.

In 1892 he contributed a very fine historical sketch of the town of Orange which was used in the centennial number of the Greenfield Gazette. In conversation his fund of anecdotes of local characters and reminiscences, seemed inexhaustible. He died 27 Nov., 1897.

Children:

- 1165⁺ i Herman Francis^s Dexter, b. in Orange, 13 Oct., 1858; m. Ella S. Browning of San Francisco, in 1884.
- 1166⁻ ii Caroline Mary^s Dexter, b. 5 Sept., 1860; m. Martin W. Mayo, 23 June, 1885.
- 1167^{*} iii Edward Mansfield^s Dexter, b. 2 Oct., 1864; m. Nellie Gertrude Royce.
- 1168⁻ iv John Bernard^s Dexter, b. 3 Aug., 1866; d. 3 Jan., 1868.
- 1169⁻ v Maurice Lynde^s Dexter, b. 3 May, 1869; m. Martha Stella Foskett of Orange.

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George W.⁷ Dexter, son of Benjamin⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Frances [Tuttle] Dexter, was born 6 April, 1831. He married Florella Arville Fry, daughter of Job Fry of Athol, Mass., 27 May, 1856. She was born 25 April, 1831, and died 9 April, 1891, aged 60 years 11 months 15 days.

He built a house in the east part of the town on a farm adjoining his home and farmed for twenty-seven years. He moved to the village and worked in the New Home shop a few years; then, as his health was failing, he went to work carpentering. He built the house where he now lives in 1870. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and for twenty-one years secretary and treasurer of the Miller's



GEORGE WASHINGTON DEXTER.

River Baptist Association. For a while he was superintendent of the Sunday-school.

Of very even disposition, always cheerful, sociable, quiet and amiable, he had a kind word for every one, looking on the bright side of life. He always voted the Republican ticket. He has been President of the Dexter Family Association for a number of years.

Children:

- 1170* i George Edward Dexter, b. 26 Dec., 1857; m. Minnie Emmelin Graves, 24 Oct., 1878.

- 1171 ii Arthur Fry⁵ Dexter, b. 10 March, 1863; d. 14 Aug., 1864.
- 1172 iii Herbert Eugene⁵ Dexter, b. 9 Feb., 1865; m. Ina M. Dow, 27 Nov., 1884.
- 1173 iv Flora Ella⁵ Dexter, b. 27 Jan., 1867; d. 25 March, 1868.
- 1174 v Mary Lizzie⁵ Dexter, b. 19 Nov., 1869; m. Israel Newton, 19 Oct., 1892. Child, Grace May Newton, b. 7 July, 1893.
- 1175 vi Lucia Frances⁵ Dexter, b. 4 March, 1871.

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Dexter⁷ Davis, son of Lucy⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and John⁶ Davis, was born at Orange, Mass., 11 Nov., 1807, and died in 1857. He spent his early years on his father's farm and went to the district school.

He married Emily Holden, a native of Orange, 27 Nov., 1828, and they bought a part of the farm from his father and made their home there until 1841.

He carried on a general store in the village in company with Otis Brooks, and at the same time farmed it to some extent. In 1841 he sold out his store and took as part payment 14,000 pails, and these he shipped to New York and went there to dispose of them. He afterwards traveled through the State in search of a place to start the business of manufacturing woodenware. He finally located upon a tract near Corning, N. Y., and there he and his brothers, Daniel and Norris, went into business. They built a mill and put men into the woods to cut the timber from which to make pails. At first they shipped these to New York by canal. After some years he sold out to his brother and moved his family into the village, where he and his son opened a grocery store.

He was a man of good judgment and was held in high esteem by his neighbors. He was trial justice for several years and also held other offices. He was a Methodist and held the office of class leader. He was a member of the Free Masons, and at his death in 1857 was buried with Masonic honors.

His widow married for her second husband Rev. Mr. Smith of Corning, N. Y. She died 10 Nov., 1889, aged 81 years 9 months 12 days.

Three children:

- 1176* i Nelson Dexter^s Davis, b. in Orange, 20 Sept., 1829.
- 1177 ii Elizabeth Emily^s Davis, b. 30 Aug., 1831; m. Wellington Stewart of Corning, N. Y., in June, 1853; she died 26 Feb., 1855, leaving a girl baby 13 days old.
 - 1. Elizabeth Davis^s Stewart, b. 13 Feb., 1855; never married; resided with her uncle Lynval in Corning.
- 1178 iii Lynval Amos^s Davis, b. in Orange, 15 Nov., 1834; m. Kate Bache, 1 Sept., 1865. No family. Mr. Davis was a soldier in the Civil War, and after the war settled in the oil regions in Pennsylvania, and remained there until 1890, when they returned to Corning, and have resided there since. He is a carpenter by occupation.

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Norris⁷ Davis, son of Lucy⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and John⁶ Davis, was born at Orange, 17 Oct., 1810, and died 1 July, 1872. He married (1). Lucy Ann Howard, 30 Oct., 1831. She was born 31 July, 1811, and died 8 April, 1856. They had four children. He married (2) Mrs. Lucy Hill, 12 March, 1857. They had three children.

His father, John Davis, deeded him land in Athol in 1832. He also bought a tract of land in 1845 of L. P. Whitney, 100 acres. He bought a tract in Orange of John Davis in 1842. He bought a shed and the land it stood upon, near the Baptist Church in Athol, in 1838, and about this time moved into the red house east of the house of his father. In 1843 he moved to western New York and carried on the pail business with his brothers, Dexter and Daniel. He sold out his interest to his brother Daniel and went into the manufacture of cheese quite extensively.

Children:

- 1179* i Erastus Andrew^s Davis, b. in Orange, 25 Nov., 1832.
- 1180 ii Philetus A.^s Davis, b. 31 May, 1835; d. 24 Feb., 1836.
- 1181* iii Cynthia Ann^s Davis, b. in Orange, 4 July, 1837.
- 1182 iv Josephine Augusta^s Davis, b. in Orange, 13 Jan., 1841; m. Andrew J. Garton, Oct., 1864; child b. 4 July, 1865; mother and child d. 23 July, 1865.

- 1183 v Willie E.^s Davis, b. 10 March, 1858; d. 7 March, 1861.
 1184 vi George E.^s Davis, b. 14 May, 1859.
 1185 vii Cassie D.^s Davis, b. 13 March, 1861; d. 25 May, 1862.

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Narcissa⁷ Davis, daughter of Lucy⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and John⁶ Davis, was born at Orange, Mass., 30 Nov., 1812. She married John Warden of Worcester, Mass., in 1837.



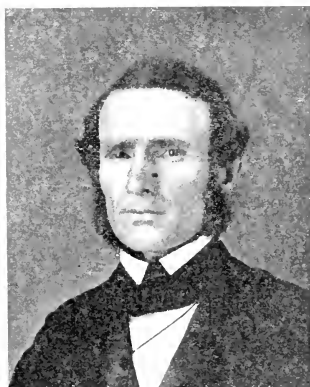
NARCISSA (DAVIS) WARDEN.

She lived at home until her marriage, going to school in District No. 6. At her marriage she moved to Worcester and lived in the Warden homestead (see cut). In 1841 she and her husband moved to Norwich, Ct., but only stayed there a year. After their return they built a new house east of the old homestead (see cut), and this was their home until her death in 1891.

After the decease of her husband in 1865, she continued to reside on Park Street, making a home for her children (her daughter, Abbie L. Carpenter, occupying a tenement



J. WARDEN RESIDENCE.



JOHN WARDEN.
(Taken 1846.)

in the house). She was an active member of the Methodist Church as long as health permitted. The last years of her life were years of ill health and suffering, which she bore with Christian fortitude.

Her husband, John Warden, son of Samuel² and Tamasin (Harrington) Warden, was born in Worcester, 13 Feb., 1814, and received his education in the public schools. He learned the business of a merchant tailor and for many



WARDEN HOMESTEAD.

years carried on the business on Main Street. He was extensively engaged in real estate transactions. He was a prominent member of the Park Street Methodist Church and was instrumental in buying the land and building that church. He died in 1865.

Children:

- 1186* i Abbie Louise^s Warden, b. 7 Jan., 1840; m. Charles Hudson Carpenter.

- 1187* ii John Davis⁸ Warden, b. 3 Dec., 1844; m. Sarah L. Nichols.
1188* iii William Albert⁸ Warden, b. 2 March, 1852; m. Ella M. Durfee.

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Daniel⁷ Davis, son of Lucy⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and John⁶ Davis, was born in Orange, Mass., 21 Jan., 1816, and died at Caton, N. Y., 20



DANIEL DAVIS.

March, 1900. He married Ruth Bates, daughter of Frank and Mary Bates of Phillipston, Mass.

He spent his early days on the farm where he was born, but went South in 1838 and remained five years. In the early forties he went with his brothers, Norris and Dexter, into the centre of New York State and bought a large tract of land and built a pail manufactory, and for many years manufactured pails, which were shipped to New York

market by canal. The business was very successful. Daniel afterwards bought the land from his brothers and for many years was a successful farmer, owning lots Nos. 1 and 24 in Caton township.

In 1844 he went to Worcester and was married at the home of his sister, Narcissa Warden, to Miss Ruth Bates.



RUTH, WIFE OF DANIEL DAVIS.

Daniel was a man of quiet manner, of excellent judgment, and was honored by his townsmen by election to office many times. He was for sixteen years, prior to 1880, trial justice. He was highly respected wherever he was known and lived a long and useful life. He died 20 March, 1900, aged 84 years 2 months. His widow and three children survive him.

Children :

1189* i Edwin F.^s Davis, b. 28 May, 1846; m. Jennie M. Dow, 1870.



HOMESTEAD OF DANIEL DAVIS.

- 1190* ii Luey E.^s Davis, b. 20 May, 1850; m. (1) John C. White, 20 Feb., 1870; (2) Harvey Wood, 6 Feb., 1878.
- 1191* iii Mary E.^s Davis, b. 11 Nov., 1852; m. Frank H. Dow, 15 Sept., 1875.

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Lucy Ann⁷ Davis, daughter of Luey⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and John⁶ Davis of Orange, was born 21 Dec., 1818, and died 4 May, 1900. She married Reuel Barber of Worcester, 10 June, 1840. He died 3 April, 1843, at the age of 32 years. She continued to live in Worcester, making a home for her son until his marriage, when she made her home with them until her death, 4 May, 1900. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church from 1839 until her death.

Mr. Reuel Barber was a carpenter by trade and was building the house on Park Street for his brother-in-law, John Warden, when he was taken with his last sickness. He was a very earnest Christian gentleman and was a class leader in the Methodist Church at time of his death.

One child:

- 1192* i Henry Davis⁸ Barber, b. 13 Oct., 1841; m. Hephzibah Dexter, 10 June, 1867.

(See under Hephzibah Dexter, No. 1148.)

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Sylvester⁷ Davis, son of Lucy⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and John⁶ Davis, was born in Orange, 8 Sept., 1822, and died 21 April, 1904. He married 18



SYLVESTER DAVIS.

Jan., 1844, Catherine Underwood Johnson of Barre, Mass. She was born 24 Oct., 1821, and died 9 Sept., 1893. She was the daughter of Perry and Catherine (Underwood) Johnson of Barre.

Sylvester was educated in the schools of the village, going to the school in District No. 6; he also went one year to Wilbraham Academy. He taught school one year at Somers, Conn. He first engaged in business in the general store of Dexter Davis and Otis Brooks; then went to Worcester

with the intention of learning the carpenter's trade of his brother-in-law, Reuel Barber, but Mr. Barber dying about this time, he returned to the farm, where he spent the remainder of his days. In 1843 he bought twenty-five acres of land from his father on the road from Asa Lord's to Moses Dexter's, and at the death of his father, in 1846, he came into possession of the home farm; his mother making her home with him during the remainder of her life. He was of an inventive and mechanical turn of mind, and there were many things about his home and in the homes of his friends to remind one of the fact. He was a thrifty and enterprising man and accumulated considerable property.

Mr. Davis died 21 April, 1904, after a long illness, and was buried in the family lot at North Orange, and was survived by four daughters.

Children:

- 1193* i Georgianna⁸ Davis, b. 2 June, 1846.
- 1194* ii Alfradina⁸ Davis, b. 6 Oct., 1849.
- 1195* iii Harriet⁸ Davis, b. 16 Jan., 1851.
- 1196* iv Jennie E.⁸ Davis, b. 14 March, 1854.

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Phebe⁷ Thurston, daughter of Phebe⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Levi Thurston, was born 20 April, 1804, and died 13 Aug., 1875. She married (1) Willard Walker of Royalston; (2) Israel Lamb of Phillipston, 1836.

Children:

- 1197* i Sabrina⁸ Walker, b. 10 March, 1829.
- 1198* ii Delina⁸ Walker, b. 31 Jan., 1831.
- 1199* iii Harriet⁸ Walker, b. 30 Dec., 1833.
- 1200 iv Frances M.⁸ Lamb, b. 2 July, 1837; d. 19 Feb., 1859; m. George O. Richardson of Royalston, Mass.; he was born 16 Nov., 1836, and died 30 May, 1874.

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Priscilla⁷ Thurston, daughter of Phebe⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Levi Thurston, was born 20 April, 1804. She married Richard French, 23 Sept., 1824. He was born 23 Nov., 1800, and died 29 Sept., 1884. He was son of Adams and Azubah French and was a wheelwright by trade.

Children :

- 1201 i Levi F.^s French, b. 9 April, 1825; never married. Moved to California in 1849 and died there.
- 1202* ii Abijah^s French, b. 22 Nov., 1829.
- 1203 iii Priscilla E.^s French, b. 7 Oct., 1831; unmarried.
- 1204 iv Augusta^s French, b. 21 Oct., 1835; d. at Worcester, 1871; m. Horace L. Jones, son of John C. Jones of Wilbraham; he was born in 1841. No children.
- 1205 v Arvilla^s French, b. 21 Oct., 1835; d. 1838.
- 1206* vi Maria^s French, b. 15 Dec., 1839.
- 1207* vii Charles H.^s French, b. 9 Nov., 1846.

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Harriet⁷ Thurston, daughter of Phebe⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Levi Thurston, was born 6 Jan., 1806, and died 22 May, 1869. She married John Cheney of Orange. He was born 26 Feb., 1802, and died ——.

Children :

- 1208 i Julia Ann^s Cheney, b. 20 July, 1827; d. 2 Sept., 1834.
- 1209 ii John Humphrey^s Cheney, b. 16 Aug., 1831; m. Elmira Howard, 1856.
- 1210 iii Laura Ann^s Cheney, b. 3 March, 1836; m. James Swift, 1855.
- 1211 iv Nathan Parmenter^s Cheney, b. 23 Aug., 1838; m. Caroline Wheeler.

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Susan⁷ Thurston, daughter of Phebe⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Levi Thurston,

was born in Orange, 8 Jan., 1808. She married Ira Whitney of Athol. He was born 30 July, 1807.

Children:

- 1212* i George W.^s Whitney, b. 3 May, 1833.
- 1213* ii Nathan H.^s Whitney, b. 9 Feb., 1835.
- 1214* iii Levi L.^s Whitney, b. in Athol, 1 Nov., 1836.
- 1215 iv Parish H.^s Whitney, b. 5 Sept., 1838; m. Victoria Bronson, 1 June, 1863. One child: Zelin M.^s Whitney, b. 1865.
- 1216* v Mira M.^s Whitney, b. 19 June, 1842.
- 1217 vi Susan H.^s Whitney, b. 15 April, 1844; m. John Dalton of Tabor, Iowa, 1874.
- 1218 vii Lydia S.^s Whitney, b. 18 Nov., 1845; m. Orrin C. Havok, 29 Oct., 1869.
- 1219 viii Ira H.^s Whitney, b. 14 July, 1849; m. Lizzie A. Rogers, 1873. She was b. 1853.

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Levi Thurston⁷ Ball, son of Phebe⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Fordyce Ball, was born in 1811. He married Almira Adams.

Four children:

- 1220 i Phebe Ann^s Ball; died young.
- 1221 ii Maria Almira^s Ball; m. Louis C. Ells.
- 1222* iii John Levi^s Ball; b. —.
- 1223* iv Joseph Elijah^s Ball, b. —.

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Elijah⁷ Ball, son of Phebe⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Fordyce Ball, was born in 1813. He married Sarah Clark.

Two children:

- 1224 i Mary Frances^s Ball, b. 1 Dec., 1843; m. George E. Whittum. One child: Bertha Hastings^s Whittum.
- 1225 ii George Elijah^s Ball; m. (1) Hattie Reese (one child, Pauline Sarah^s Ball); (2) Fanny J. Eaton.

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Hyder Alley⁷ Ball, son of Phebe⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Fordyce Ball, was born in 1815. He married Frances E. W. Johnson.

Four children:

- 1226* i Albert H.⁸ Ball, b. —.
- 1227 ii Lucy Maria⁸ Ball, b. —; m. Sanford L. Nestell. Two children: James Nestell, Frances Nestell.
- 1228 iii Louis Caleb⁸ Ball, b. —; m. (1) Lucy —; (2) Bertha Ray. One child: Ray Ball.
- 1229 iv Frank William⁸ Ball, b. —; m. Nellie Carmen. Three children: Harry Ball, Jay Ball, Floyd Ball.

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Joseph Gilbert⁷ Ball, son of Phebe⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Fordyce Ball, was born in Orange, 28 May, 1817. He married (1) Esther Preble, who was born in Anson, Me., 24 June, 1821, and died 22 Oct., 1856; two children, born in Boston. He married (2) Cornelia M. Wiley, born in Weston, 18 March, 1832; six children.

Children:

- 1230 i Esther Elizabeth⁸ Ball, b. in Boston, 6 Sept., 1849; m. Even R. McPherson. One child: Ross McPherson.
- 1231 ii Joseph Appleton⁸ Ball, b. in Boston, 15 Nov., 1853; m. Annie B. McPherson. Three children: Joseph Norman Ball, Edith Preble Ball, Bertha Buckner Ball.
- 1232 iii James Henry⁸ Ball, b. in Boston, 22 Nov., 1858; m. (1) Stella Judson (one son, Herbert James Ball); (2) Minnie Lincoln.
- 1233 iv Harry Perkins⁸ Ball, b. in Boston, 18 Nov., 1861; m. Esther A. Dow. One child: Constance Lincoln Ball.
- 1234 v Elijah⁸ Ball, b. in Boston, 14 Sept., 1863; m. Clara A. Petersen. One child: Robert Elijah Ball.
- 1235 vi Aaron Lawrence⁸ Ball, b. in Cambridge, 12 Nov., 1866; m. Lillie C. Mark. Two children: Mary Adaline Ball, Ruth Ball.

- 1236 vii Benjamin Franklin⁸ Ball, b. in Cambridge, 14 Oct., 1869; d. 13 June, 1874.
- 1237 viii Samuel Wiley⁸ Ball, b. 10 Feb., 1876.

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Joanna⁷ Ball, daughter of Phebe⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Fordyce Ball, was born 20 May, 1820, at Orange, Mass. She married Houghton Hall, at Orange, 26 July, 1849. She died 13 Aug., 1862. She lived at home in her earlier years, but was working in Boston in 1844.

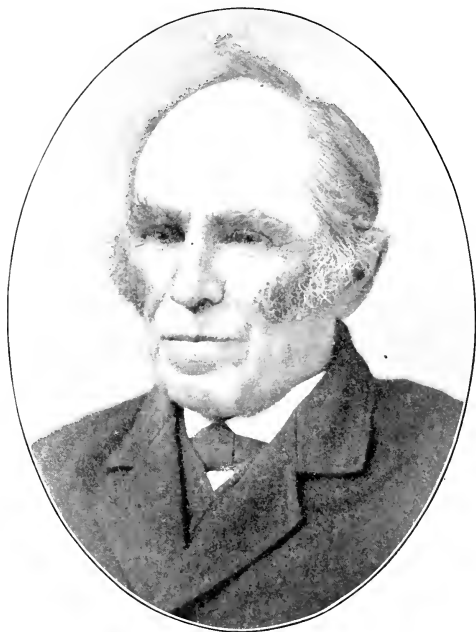
Children:

- 1238 i Willard Houghton⁸ Hall, b. in Troy, N. Y., 7 May, 1850; d. 12 July, 1851.
- 1239* ii Sarah Elizabeth⁸ Hall, b. in Troy, N. Y., 6 May, 1852.
- 1240 iii George Chandler⁸ Hall, b. in Troy, N. Y., 22 May, 1855; d. in Hardwick, 14 Jan., 1860.
- 1241 iv Josephine Augusta⁸ Hall, b. in Hardwick, 20 Nov., 1858; d. in Hardwick, 29 Sept., 1860.
- 1242 v Jennie Louisa⁸ Hall, b. in Hardwick, 30 July, 1861; d. 6 Feb., 1862.

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Wilson⁷ Wheeler, son of Betsey⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Zaccheus Wheeler, was born at Orange, Mass., 5 Oct., 1804, and died in 1887. He was educated in the village where he was born, remaining there until he was of age. He then went to Worcester, where he worked at his trade as carpenter, and there met Miss Catherine Holmes Warden, and in 1830 they were married and removed to Orange, where they remained until their decease, except a short time when they lived in Winchendon, where their daughter Sarah was born. At one time they lived in the west part of the town near the Warwick line, while he superintended the building of the

bridge at Wendell Depot. While here, Eliza and Evelena were born. They built a house on East Main Street, and here the other children were born. In the later years of his life he lived on the farm where John W. Wheeler's sum-



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mer home now is. His wife died 2 Aug., 1876, aged 71 years.

He was a man of affairs and was often called upon to administer estates of deceased persons. He held the office of deputy sheriff of Franklin County from 1852 to 1867. He died at Orange, 26 Dec., 1887, aged 83 years 2 months.

Children:

- 1243 i Catherine Elizabeth^s Wheeler, b. in Orange, 6 Feb., 1831; m.
George P. Clark (widower), 26 Sept., 1860. He died 28 Jan.,
1893. They had no children. She now lives in Winchendon.
- 1244* ii John Wilson^s Wheeler, b. 20 Nov., 1832.



CATHERINE (WARDEN) WHEELER.

- 1245* iii Sarah Warden^s Wheeler, b. 23 Nov., 1834.
- 1246* iv Erastus Otis^s Wheeler, b. 27 Oct., 1836.
- 1247 v Emily Davis^s Wheeler, b. 26 Sept., 1838; d. 24 Dec., 1887.
- 1248* vi Francis Dexter^s Wheeler, b. 28 June, 1840.
- 1249* vii Eliza Ann^s Wheeler, b. 16 June, 1842.
- 1250* viii Evelena Jane^s Wheeler, b. 20 Aug., 1843.
- 1251 ix Nancy Maria^s Wheeler, b. 3 Jan., 1845; d. 28 Aug., 1848.

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Betsey⁷ Wheeler, daughter of Betsey⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Zaccheus Wheeler, was born at Orange, Mass., 21 Jan., 1807, and died at Millbury, Mass., 2 Dec., 1883. She married Simon Brown Poland of Winchendon, Mass., 28 Feb., 1829.



MRS. S. B. POLAND (BETSEY W.).

Simon Brown Poland, son of William Poland and Betsey (Brown) Poland, was born at Winchendon, Mass., on the first day of June, 1802.

He was the youngest of eleven children. He was brought up on his father's farm and attended the district school, as was the custom in those days, acquiring the usual education of a farmer boy of that period.

At an early age he learned the carpenter's trade, in which he engaged while not otherwise occupied on his father's farm.

He married, 28 Feb., 1829, and soon after acquired a farm of his own at Winchendon, Mass. Here all of his ten children were born.

In the fall of 1854 he removed with his family to Millbury, Mass., where he acquired another farm. One of his aims in moving to Millbury was to secure a better education for his children.



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In 1865 he sold his farm at Millbury and returned with his family to Winchendon, where he continued to reside until 1870. In that year he again removed his family to Millbury, where he remained until his death, 20 Feb., 1873.

While a resident both of Millbury and Winchendon, he served at different times as Prudential Committee of the school district, and also as a member of the Board of Overseers of the Poor.

Throughout his life he was universally beloved as well as respected by all who knew him. He was distinguished

for his sturdy industry, his high civic integrity and his incorruptible honesty. He was buried in the Riverside Cemetery in Winchendon, Mass.

Children :

- 1252 i Wheeler^s Poland, b. 1 Oct., 1830; m. Lucy E. Newton, 6 April, 1854; she was born in Royalston, 12 June, 1828, and died 14 Aug., 1904. No children.
- 1253* ii Sarah Maria^s Poland, b. 1 July, 1832.
- 1254* iii Mary Elizabeth^s Poland, b. 3 Feb., 1834.
- 1255* iv Charles Townsend^s Poland, b. 11 Feb., 1836.
- 1256* v Julia Augusta^s Poland, b. 16 Nov., 1838.
- 1257* vi Ellen Gracia^s Poland, b. 24 Nov., 1840.
- 1258* vii Emma Olive^s Poland, b. 7 Oct., 1842.
- 1259* viii Martin L.^s Poland, b. 24 Aug., 1845.
- 1260* ix Stella E.^s Poland, b. 8 Aug., 1848.
- 1261* x Addison B.^s Poland, b. 26 March, 1851.

Samuel Poland (perhaps the son of John, who was killed in 1677) was in Ipswich as early as 1690, for he took part in the expedition to Canada in 1690, for which he afterwards received a grant of land in Ipswich, Canada (Winchendon). He was allowed to keep his horses on the common, 1697; was freeman, 1707; was grantee of town of Winchendon, 1737, but did not move there; was killed by falling from a tree in 1747. In 1712 he and James Poland were signers to a petition for a separate precinct, and he was on the committee to build the new church. He had at least two sons, Joseph and Nathaniel, for in 1761 they sold his right in the land at Winchendon to Charles Tuttle.

Joseph Poland, son of above Samuel, was born in 1702 or 1703 at Ipswich, and died in 1798. He married Elizabeth ———. They must have had two sons, William and Samuel, for they bought the farm at Winchendon together in 1786, Samuel in 1806 selling his half to William.

William Poland, son of Joseph, was born in Ipswich, 6 April, 1757, and removed to Winchendon in 1788. He married Betsey Brown in 1762, and they had eleven children, Simon Brown Poland being the youngest.

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Rev. John Wesley⁷ Wheeler, son of Betsey⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Zaccheus Wheeler, was born in 1811. He married Nancy Foster of Grafton. He was a Methodist minister.

One child:

- 1262 i Nancy N.^s Wheeler, b. 1838.

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Eliza Ann⁷ Wheeler, daughter of Betsey⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Zaccheus Wheeler, was born at Orange, Mass., 4 Oct., 1820, and died at Worcester, 17 Dec., 1896. She married Samuel Morse of Royalston, Mass. He was born at Royalston, 23 July, 1816, and died at Worcester, 30 Oct., 1876. He was a carpenter and builder by trade and followed that occupation in Royalston, Winchendon and Worcester.

Children :

- 1263 i Everett Larue⁸ Morse, b. at Royalston, Jan., 1844; d. 28 Feb., 1844.
- 1264 ii Everett Augustus⁵ Morse, b. in Royalston, 10 June, 1845; m. at Worcester, 14 Oct., 1876, Josie Maria Paine, daughter of Francis and Nancy Paine of South Franklin, Mass. They now reside at Worcester, and have no children.
- 1265 iii Sarah Jane⁶ Morse, b. in Winchendon, Mass., 17 March, 1847; m. Thomas Edward Noyes of Worcester, son of Thomas and Mary (Stone) Noyes of Holliston, Mass., 1 Jan., 1870. They now reside at Rutland, Mass., and have no children.
- 1266* iv Maria Angela⁸ Morse, b. in Winchendon, Mass., 16 Sept., 1850.
- 1267* v Elnora⁸ Morse, b. in Worcester, 26 Oct., 1855.
- 1268* vi Emma Elizabeth⁸ Morse, b. in Worcester, 13 Dec., 1858.
- 1269* vii Charles S.⁸ Morse, b. at Worcester, 15 Sept., 1861; m. (1) Ella B. Osborn (one child, Florence Gertrude Morse, b. 26 Feb., 1891); m. (2) Charlotte A. Townsend.
- 1270 viii Alice Bertha⁸ Morse, b. in Worcester, 4 July, 1868; unmarried. Resides at Richmond, Ind.

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George Warren⁷ Wheeler, son of Betsey⁶ [Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Zaccheus Wheeler, was born at Orange, 19 Oct., 1826. He married Miriam Fales Titcomb of Bangor, Me., 9 Sept., 1853. She was born 5 Sept., 1834, at Bangor, Me.

In early life Mr. Wheeler was in the hotel business in Cincinnati. He purchased Island No. 24 in the Mississippi

River, and farmed it: he also cut off the wood. He also had a large number of government horses under his control. Owing to the island being washed away by the action of the river, he moved to Missouri, where he sold off most of his stock and engaged in the grocery business for a time. Later he went into the hotel business and has been engaged in it the rest of his active business life.

Children:

- 1271 i Charles Alexander⁵ Wheeler, b. in Cincinnati, Ohio, 24 Dec., 1858; m. Gertrude Bailey Whipple, 1 Jan., 1902.
- 1272 ii Eugenia Fales⁵ Wheeler, b. 30 Dec., 1860; d. 22 Aug., 1890; m. George W. Smith, 18 Oct., 1877. Two children: Edith E. Smith, b. 6 May, 1880; Lillian E. Smith, b. 21 Jan., 1882.
- 1273 iii Susan Grace⁵ Wheeler, b. on Island No. 24, Mississippi River, 18 Sept., 1863. Now resides at Worcester.

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Loring⁷ Dexter, son of Luke⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Joanna [Pierce] Dexter, was born 1 April, 1804, and died 5 Oct., 1882. He married (1) Achsah Dexter, 29 Nov., 1827; five children, born in Fairhaven, Mass.; (2) Keziah Holmes, 28 Sept., 1836; two children, born in Fairhaven, Mass.

Children:

- 1274* i Achsah L.⁵ Dexter, b. 12 May, 1838; d. 5 Sept., 1902.
- 1275 ii Joanna P.⁵ Dexter, b. 27 Jan., 1840; d. 6 Nov., 1903.
- 1276 iii Clement R.⁵ Dexter, b. 29 July, 1842; m. Annie Lee, 1 June, 1881. Two children: Clara A. Dexter, born and died in 1882; Grace E. Dexter, b. in Chicago, 8 May, 1885.
- 1277 iv Mary D. T.⁵ Dexter, b. 3 Nov., 1844; m. Horace L. Wood, 21 May, 1867. One child: Lewis S. Wood, b. 1868; d. 1882.
- 1278 v Abiel P. R.⁵ Dexter, b. 30 Aug., 1846; m. Minerva Fountain, 30 Jan., 1871.
- 1279* vi Keziah L.⁵ Dexter, b. 16 Sept., 1828; d. 16 Aug., 1902.
- 1280* vii Obadiah D.⁵ Dexter, b. 12 March, 1832; d. 12 Aug., 1871.

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Gilmore⁷ Dexter, son of Luke⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Joanna [Pierce] Dexter, was born 7 Aug., 1807, and died 13 April, 1877. He married (1) Lucy A. Wing, 22 Dec., 1828; (2) Mary Andrews. He was a caulker by trade, and in later life lived on his farm and supplied the market with vegetables.

Four children, born in Rochester, Mass.:

- 1281 i James F.⁸ Dexter, b. 5 April, 1830; d. 1850.
- 1282 ii William P.⁸ Dexter, b. 14 Jan., 1832; d. June, 1897; m. Elizabeth Bennett, 2 Nov., 1853. He was a caulker by trade and spent most of his life in New York, returning to New Bedford a few years before his death.
- 1283 iii Luke⁸ Dexter, b. May, 1833; m. Nancy Durfee, 1853. Two children: Ada M. Dexter, b. 1855, d. 1892; James F. Dexter, b. —.
- 1284 iv Sarah F.⁸ Dexter, b. 11 April, 1841; m. (1) Charles H. W. Jenney, 29 Sept., 1857; (2) Albert Shaw.

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Christina R.⁷ Dexter, daughter of Luke⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Joanna [Pierce] Dexter, was born 27 March, 1815, and died 8 Feb., 1900. She married Seth Cowen, 16 Feb., 1834.

Fourteen children, all born in Rochester, Mass.:

- 1285 i Sophronia D.⁸ Cowen, b. 26 Jan., 1835; d. 23 Oct., 1874; m. Joshua L. Macomber, 15 May, 1853.
- 1286 ii Lydia P.⁸ Cowen, b. 22 Sept., 1836; d. 2 Feb., 1837.
- 1287 iii Deborah D. L.⁸ Cowen, b. 25 May, 1838; d. 29 April, 1847.
- 1288 iv Lidora S.⁸ Cowen, b. 20 April, 1840; m. Charles Hall, 4 Oct., 1856.
- 1289 v Lydia P.⁸ Cowen, b. 29 Oct., 1841; m. Darius Wescott, 27 Jan., 1858.
- 1290 vi Seth L.⁸ Cowen, b. 11 Sept., 1843; m. Elvira B. Abbott, 22 Jan., 1864.
- 1291 vii Mary W.⁸ Cowen, b. 2 Nov., 1846; m. Orris P. Huntley, 17 March, 1867.

- 1292 viii William P.^s Cowen, b. 18 July, 1848; d. 17 Aug., 1853.
 1293 ix Joshua M.^s Cowen, b. 23 March, 1851; m. Kittie Compton, 19 Feb., 1897.
 1294 x James F.^s Cowen, b. 20 Jan., 1853; m. Sarah Alred, 3 March, 1883.
 1295 xi Lorenzo^s Cowen, b. 9 Dec., 1854; d. 11 Dec., 1854.
 1296 xii Charles^s Cowen, b. 5 Sept., 1856; d. 2 Nov., 1856.
 1297 xiii Abner^s Cowen, b. 7 Nov., 1858; d. 19 July, 1861.
 1298 xiv George^s Cowen, b. 7 Feb., 1861; d. 20 Sept., 1861.

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Lorenzo D.⁷ Dexter, son of Luke⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Joanna C. [Pierce] Dexter, was born 17 Nov., 1828, and died 16 June, 1853. She married Lurana K. Braley, 4 Aug., 1846.

Two children, born in New Bedford, Mass.:

- 1299 i Addie L.^s Dexter, b. 9 Jan., 1852; m. Caleb Babcock, 25 Sept., 1878.
 1300 ii Joan C.^s Dexter, b. —; m. Paul Hathaway, 7 Dec., 1869.

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Captain Leonard S.⁷ Dexter, son of Ephraim⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Rachel [Snow] Dexter, was born 26 Jan., 1811, and died 18 May, 1853. He married Sarah Childs, 30 June, 1837. He was a captain of whaling vessels and made many successful voyages. He died while at sea.

Two children, born in Falmouth:

- 1301 i Edward T.^s Dexter, b. 15 March, 1840; d. 2 Oct., 1868. Went to sea with his father and was with him when he died.
 1302 ii Henry M.^s Dexter, b. 19 Jan., 1844.

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Calvin⁷ Dexter, son of Ephraim⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Rachel [Snow] Dexter, was

born 9 Nov., 1812, and died 25 March, 1867. He married Eunice K. Southworth, 25 Aug., 1853. He was a whaling captain and commanded several vessels in the whale fishery. He was successful, and when he retired he made his home in South Dartmouth, Mass.

Children, born in Dartmouth, Mass.:

- 1303 i Elizabeth W.^s Dexter, b. 25 Dec., 1854; m. Ward W. Hart, 26 Oct., 1875. One child: Edward Dexter Hart, b. 3 Nov., 1876. Mr. Hart runs express between Boston and Woburn.
- 1304 ii Edward S.^s Dexter, b. 23 June, 1859; d. 9 Aug., 1879.
- 1305 iii Calvin S.^s Dexter, b. 23 June, 1859; d. 25 Sept., 1860.
- 1306 iv Rachel S.^s Dexter, b. 21 March, 1861; d. 3 Oct., 1879.
- 1307 v Calvin H.^s Dexter, b. 27 Feb., 1862; d. 26 Oct., 1882.

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Lewis⁷ Dexter, son of Ephraim⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Rachel [Snow] Dexter, was born 16 Oct., 1820. He married Martha Robbins. He was a house carpenter and worked in New Bedford many years, and for several years during the last of his life he resided in New York.

Children, born in New Bedford, Mass.:

- 1308 i Mary E.^s Dexter, b. 5 Aug., 1844; m. Isaac S. Lanigave, 7 Dec., 1868.
- 1309 ii Albertina E.^s Dexter, 1 Jan., 1852; m. Charles Smith, 20 April, 1869.
- 1310 iii Eunice^s Dexter, b. 31 July, 1854; m. Charles E. Rolston, 2 July, 1876.
- 1311 iv Lewis L.^s Dexter, b. 10 June, 1855.
- 1312 v Gideon L.^s Dexter, b. 31 May, 1858; m. Susan Forbes, 22 Feb., 1881. One son: William, b. Nov., 1884.
- 1313* vi William H.^s Dexter, b. 4 Oct., 1860; m. Mary P. White, 14 April, 1880.
- 1314 vii Charles E.^s Dexter, b. 18 Aug., 1862; m. Mamie Copeman, 1883. Two children: Elizabeth A. Dexter, b. 3 Jan., 1884; George E. Dexter, b. June, 1886.
- 1315 viii Albion R.^s Dexter, b. 24 July, 1864.

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Ainsworth⁷ Dexter, son of Ephraim⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Rachel [Snow] Dexter, was born 27 Jan., 1823. He married Phebe C. Coffin, 15 June, 1847. He was a house carpenter, also worked several years at building cars. He was a member of the firm of Ruggles & Dexter.

Children, born in New Bedford:

- 1316 i Eliza C.^s Dexter, b. 24 June, 1848; m. Edward R. Lawrence, 19 Oct., 1873. One child: Cornelia Ainsworth Lawrence, b. 17 Oct., 1880.
- 1317 ii Howard N.^s Dexter, b. 24 Aug., 1850; m. Sarah J. Eaton, 5 Aug., 1873. One child: Sarah H. Dexter, b. 7 June, 1874. Foreman in cutting department in a large shoe factory in New Bedford.
- 1318 iii Arthur A.^s Dexter, b. 16 Feb., 1867; m. Grace Gardner, 24 Dec., 1890. No children.
- 1319 iv Carrie A.^s Dexter, b. 9 Nov., 1868; d. 12 Nov., 1903.

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Harriet⁷ Dexter, daughter of Ephraim⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Rachel [Snow] Dexter, was born 13 Dec., 1817, and died 6 April, 1901. She married (1) Daniel H. Kendrick, 9 July, 1839. He died 23 Oct., 1879. Married (2) William A. Barlow, 27 April, 1884.

Children, born in Sandwich, Mass.:

- 1320* i Henry H.^s Kendrick, b. 13 Oct., 1840; d. 12 Oct., 1884.
- 1321* ii Rachel S.^s Kendrick, b. 9 April, 1843.
- 1322 iii Daniel H.^s Kendrick, Jr., b. 5 Jan., 1846; m. (1) Adeliza Boyden Lambert, 23 May, 1869; (2) Sarah Burt Eames, 27 July, 1877. One child: Beulah B. Kendrick, b. 27 Aug., 1885.
- 1323* iv Harriet L.^s Kendrick, b. 18 May, 1851; d. 26 Oct., 1886.
- 1324* v Horace L.^s Kendrick, b. 27 Dec., 1853.

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Warren⁷ Dexter, son of Gideon⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary Dexter, was born 30 Oct., 1805, and died 11 Feb., 1880. He married Sophia Nye, 3 May, 1830. He was a ship carpenter by trade, and went one season to Florida after live oak timber. In later life he was a farmer.

Two children, born in Rochester:

- 1325 i Henry W.⁸ Dexter, b. 4 Oct., 1833.
- 1326 ii Melintha C.⁸ Dexter, b. 31 July, 1836; d. 23 May, 1889; m. Nathaniel P. Hiller, 27 Nov., 1854. Two children: Sophia W. Hiller, b. 19 Jan., 1855 (married Charles B. Pierce, 13 April, 1878); Esther E. Hiller, b. 10 July, 1856; m. in 1876.

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Samuel⁷ Dexter, son of Gideon⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary Dexter, was born 16 Nov., 1807, and died Sept., 1885. He married Lydia Dexter. He was a caulker, also carried on a small farm, which was a part of the original Dexter land.

Two children, born in Rochester, Mass.:

- 1327* i Ephraim A.⁸ Dexter, b. 3 Jan., 1834.
- 1328 ii Samuel⁸ Dexter, Jr., b. 28 Nov., 1835.

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Lurana⁷ Dexter, daughter of Gideon⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary Dexter, was born Sept., 1809, and died 25 June, 1891. She married Ivory Snow, 2d, 26 July, 1829.

Children:

- 1329 i James M.⁸ Snow, b. Mattapoisett, 1831; d. 24 May, 1878; m. Louisa M. Perkins, 19 Oct., 1851.

- 1330 ii Sumner D.^s Snow, b. 1833; d. 12 Sept., 1880; m. L. Amanda Davenport, 4 Jan., 1864.
- 1331 iii Mary D.^s Snow, b. 1836; m. Burbank S. Goodspeed, 5 Oct., 1856.
- 1332 iv Lydia H.^s Snow, b. 1840; m. Hiram H. Goodspeed, 20 Jan., 1861.
- 1333 v Sarah A.^s Snow, b. 1842; m. George W. Edwards, 27 Oct., 1861.
- 1334 vi Rufus A.^s Snow, b. 1845; m. Nettie Goodspeed, 3 May, 1868.
- 1335 vii George Albert^s Snow, b. 1850; d. 6 Aug., 1851.

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Ephraim⁷ Dexter, son of Gideon⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary Dexter, was born 1 Oct., 1811. He married Laura A. Snow, daughter of James and Hannah (Sherman) Snow, 29 Feb., 1843. He learned the caulker's trade. He went two voyages whaling, and was once shipwrecked. In later years he carried on the farm which was a part of the original Dexter land.

Four children, born in Rochester:

- 1336 i Osear F.^s Dexter, b. 6 April, 1845; d. 12 Sept., 1846.
- 1337* ii Sarah A.^s Dexter, b. 21 Dec., 1847.
- 1338 iii Philander E.^s Dexter, b. 6 Nov., 1849; d. 24 Nov., 1860.
- 1339 iv Phebe A.^s Dexter, b. 11 May, 1856; d. 26 July, 1860.

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Calvin⁷ Dexter, son of Gideon⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary Dexter, was born 25 Sept., 1813, and died 2 May, 1886. He married Catherine Caswell, 18 May, 1848. He was a ship carpenter, working at this trade many years. He went South for live oak timber for ship building. He was also engaged in coasting trade for several years.



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One child:

- 1340* i William C.^s Dexter, b. in Rochester, 30 June, 1851; m. Mary J. Faunce, 14 Nov., 1877.

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John⁷ Dexter, 2d, son of Gideon⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary Dexter, was born 13 Feb., 1816, and died 26 July, 1880. He married Hannah S. Dexter, 12 March, 1839. He learned the trade of a caulker and worked at it many years. He spent one winter in the South getting live oak timber for ship building. He owned a part of the original tract of Benjamin Dexter land, being that part where the first mill stood.

Three children, born in Rochester:

- 1341* i John S.^s Dexter, b. 3 March, 1843.
 1342* ii Robert L.^s Dexter, b. 9 Feb., 1847; m. Kate M. Luce, 1 Sept., 1872. No children.
 1343* iii James L.^s Dexter, b. 11 Nov., 1850.

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Thomas⁷ Dexter, son of Thomas⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Hannah [Luce] Dexter, was born 7 April, 1826, and died 6 Aug., 1898, at New York. He married (1) Mary Lucy, 30 Nov., 1858 (she died 5 Oct., 1872); five children, born in Brooklyn, N. Y. Married (2) Amy Lucy, 1 Feb., 1874; one child, born in Brooklyn, N. Y. Was a pilot in New York Harbor.

Children:

- 1347 . i Mary A.^s Dexter, b. 1 Feb., 1860; d. 13 July, 1860.
- 1348 ii Linda W.^s Dexter, b. Feb., 1861; m. C. W. Cory, 1883.
- 1349 iii Isabella F.^s Dexter, b. 1864; m. George F. Bentley, 1886.
- 1350 iv Lillian L.^s Dexter, b. 1868.
- 1351 v Thomas A.^s Dexter, b. 1870.
- 1352 vi Frank H.^s Dexter, b. 1875.

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Benjamin F.⁷ Dexter, son of Thomas⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Hannah [Luce] Dexter, was born 30 Jan., 1828. He married (1) Sarah Hiller, 2 Nov., 1851; (2) Mary Josephine Kelley, 5 Sept., 1893. He was a ship-builder and worked at it many years in Mattapoisett and elsewhere. He made one trip South for live oak timber.

Two children, by first wife, born in Rochester:

- 1353 i Hannah J.^s Dexter, b. 10 Sept., 1856; m. Asa R. Swift, 1 Nov., 1883.
- 1354 ii Elwood W.^s Dexter, b. in Mattapoisett, 24 May, 1858; m. Hattie S. Lettenmayer, 24 July, 1888. He is a house carpenter and resides in East Mattapoisett, Mass. Two children: Elwood W. Dexter, Jr., b. 6 April, 1889; d. 1902; Harold S. Dexter, b. 9 Sept., 1890.

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Alexander⁷ Dexter, son of Thomas⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Hannah [Luce] Dex-

ter, was born 12 May, 1831. He married Betsey R. Nye, 28 July, 1856. He was a New York Harbor and Sandy Hook pilot for many years. Later in life he came to Mattapoisett to live.

Children :

- 1355 i Myra C.^s Dexter, b. in Mattapoisett, 30 May, 1860; m. Samuel A. Earle, 15 April, 1877.
- 1356 ii Albert L.^s Dexter, b. in Fall River, 31 Jan., 1862.
- 1357 iii Carrie R.^s Dexter, b. Mattapoisett, 15 Aug., 1864.
- 1358 iv Amy L.^s Dexter, b. in Fall River, 12 July, 1867.
- 1359 v Alexander^s Dexter, b. in Brooklyn, 22 Dec., 1870.
- 1360 vi Bessie N.^s Dexter, b. 8 Oct., 1874; m. Abner Harlow.
- 1361 vii Kate F.^s Dexter, b. 28 April, 1877; m. Nathan S. Mendall.
- 1362 viii Richard^s Dexter, b. 29 Jan., 1880.

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Jason L.⁷ Dexter, son of Thomas⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Hannah [Luce] Dexter, was born 17 June, 1835. He married Lizzie Luce, 21 June, 1857. He was born at Mattapoisett, but has been for the last forty years a resident of Edgartown, Mass. He has occupied the position of deputy sheriff of Martha's Vineyard and chief of police of Cottage City for many years, and is well and favorably known to summer visitors at Cottage City as well as his neighbors.

Four children, born in Edgartown :

- 1363 i Lizzie A.^s Dexter, b. April, 1858; m. Lieut. W. A. Failing, 3 Nov., 1879. One child: Louise T. Failing, b. 7 Aug., 1883.
- 1364 ii Thomas A.^s Dexter, b. 31 Aug., 1859; m. Gertrude L. Ripley, 15 April, 1885. Two children: Walstein Dexter, b. Aug., 1886; Carlton Dexter, b. 5 Jan., 1889. Mr. Dexter is now a member of State Police.
- 1365 iii Clarence C.^s Dexter, b. 24 Oct., 1865; m. Ella L. Mayhue, 27 Nov., 1902. One child: Elsie F.^s Dexter, b. 6 Jan., 1904.
- 1366 iv Frank M.^s Dexter, b. 29 March, 1867; m. Kate A. Parlin, 25 Oct., 1892. One child: Elizabeth P. Dexter, b. 1 Jan., 1894.

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Henry A.⁷ Dexter, son of Thomas⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Hannah [Luce] Dexter, was born at Mattapoisett, 7 Oct., 1840. He went to the public schools for a few years, but at the age of fourteen made his first voyage whaling in the barque Sarah, Captain Handy, sailing from Mattapoisett. He made seven voyages in all. In 1863 he went to California with John Dexter Bolles, and returned in 1865.

In 1866 he was married to Priscilla J. Jenney of Marion. They made their home at the old homestead in Mattapoisett, but in 1872 they moved with their family to Fall River. For a short time he was night watchman at the Stafford Mill. He was appointed on the police force for night duty, but was soon transferred to the day force. He served two years as captain of the night force.

In 1879 Mr. Dexter applied for a position on the Massachusetts District Police force as a factory inspector and criminal officer, and was appointed by Gov. Thomas Talbot for three years. In 1882 he was reappointed by Gov. John D. Long for three years. In 1883 he was removed by Gov. B. F. Butler for political reasons, but was again appointed by Gov. George D. Robinson in 1884; by Gov. Oliver Ames in 1887; by Gov. J. Q. A. Brackett in 1890; by Gov. William E. Russell in 1893.

In 1885 there was a murder committed in Wareham, by a man by the name of Samuel Besse, on an egg peddler by the name of Lawton, from Westport. Mr. Dexter was detailed to investigate the case and was the means of convicting Besse of the crime, for which he was hanged in Plymouth jail.

As a man and officer he was well liked and made many friends. He passed out of this life in the town of his birth, in 1894, at the age of 54 years.

Six children:

1367 i Susan J.⁸ Dexter, b. 9 Feb., 1867.

1368 ii Benjamin F.⁸ Dexter, b. 6 Dec., 1871; m. E. Gertrude Monks,
16 Aug., 1892.

- 1369 iii Henry A.^s Dexter, Jr., b. 22 March, 1876; m. Minerva E. Wakem, 11 Nov., 1897. One son: Milton L., b. 29 May, 1898.
 1370 iv Charles T.^s Dexter, b. 22 Feb., 1879; d. 16 July, 1882.
 1371 v Lewis^s Dexter, b. 22 Feb., 1882; d. 23 July, 1882.
 1372 vi Lawrence^s Dexter, b. 2 March, 1885.

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Freeman⁷ Dexter, son of Alden⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Lucy [Barrows] Dexter, was born 1 Aug., 1812, and died 23 Sept., 1864. He married Isabella Gordon, 28 Oct., 1838. He was an expert painter and grainer.

Five children, born in New Bedford:

- 1373 i George F.^s Dexter, b. 5 June, 1839; d. 27 Sept., 1842.
 1374 ii Isabella F.^s Dexter, b. 30 May, 1841; d. 2 Oct., 1842.
 1375* iii William A.^s Dexter, b. 14 Aug., 1843; d. 30 Nov., 1899.
 1376 iv Helen G.^s Dexter, b. 3 June, 1846; d. 2 May, 1848.
 1377 v Walter F.^s Dexter, b. 5 April, 1849; m. Lucy E. Gifford, 26 Sept., 1872. One child: Walter G. Dexter, b. in New Bedford, 1 July, 1873

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Captain Stillman⁷ Dexter, son of Alden⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Lucy [Barrows] Dexter, was born 11 Dec., 1813, and died 10 Sept., 1847. He married Eunice Hitchmond, Dec., 1841. He was a captain of whaling vessels for many years.

Children:

- 1378* i Lucy A.^s Dexter, b. in Mattapoisett, 13 Dec., 1842.
 1379* ii Euphemia F.^s Dexter, b. 6 March, 1845.

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Captain Henry N.⁷ Dexter, son of Alden⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Lucy [Barrows] Dexter, was born 5 July, 1815, and died 15 March, 1856. He

married Cynthia Nye, 5 July, 1839. He was captain of vessels employed in the whaling business.

One child:

- 1380 i Henrietta^s Dexter.

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Sarah A.⁷ Dexter, daughter of Alden⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Lucy [Barrows] Dexter, was born 22 June, 1818, and died 20 Dec., 1855. She married (1) William Bates; (2) Joseph Candido; he died 20 Dec., 1891.

Children:

- 1381 i Sarah W.^s Bates, b. ——.
 1382 ii Emma M.^s Candido, b. in Mattapoisett, 19 May, 1850; m. William F. Hiller, 9 March, 1871. He is a farmer and they live in Lairdville, N. Y.
 1383 iii Thomas^s Candido, b. 27 April, 1853.
 1384 iv Amelia^s Candido, b. 27 April, 1853; m. Henry A. Lindsley, 1877.

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Eliza A.⁷ Dexter, daughter of Alden⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Lucy [Barrows] Dexter, was born 3 Dec., 1822, and died 30 Nov., 1878. She married Russell Merithew. He was a sailor and spent most of his life on whaling voyages. He was captain on one of the voyages.

Children:

- 1385 i Joseph Russell Merithew, b. in Mattapoisett, 3 Feb., 1849; d. 8 March, 1863.
 1386 ii Henry^s Merithew, b. in Mattapoisett, 16 Dec., 1856; m. Mattie R. Gillette, 25 June, 1882.
 1387 iii Edgar S.^s Merithew, b. in Mattapoisett, 4 Jan., 1860; m. J. Etta James, 12 Sept., 1889.

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Weston A.⁷ Dexter, son of Alden⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Lucy [Barrows] Dexter, was born 1 Nov., 1824, and died 8 July, 1897. He married Mary E. Kelley, 1 Sept., 1860. Three children were born in Mattapoisett, and one in New Bedford. He was a painter. He fell from a ladder and was crippled for many years.

Four children:

- 1388 i Minnie A.⁸ Dexter, b. 29 Nov., 1860; d. 17 Oct., 1867.
- 1389 ii Emma E. C.⁸ Dexter, b. in New Bedford, 16 July, 1864; d. 1 Oct., 1865.
- 1390 iii Alice W.⁸ Dexter, b. in Mattapoisett, 22 Sept., 1868.
- 1391 iv Henry K.⁸ Dexter, b. 31 March, 1871.

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Emma A.⁷ Dexter, daughter of Alden⁶ [Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Lucy [Barrows] Dexter, was born 25 July, 1832. She married Daniel Payne, 15 Oct., 1850.

Children:

- 1392 i Susan H.⁸ Payne, b. 18 July, 1851; d. 1898; m. George A. Nye.
- 1393 ii Clara E.⁸ Payne, b. 20 Feb., 1853; m. Charles S. Calhoun, 1876.
He is a baker and they live in New Bedford.
- 1394 iii Isabella F.⁸ Payne, b. 6 April, 1856; m. Charles F. Smith.
He is on the police force of New Bedford.
- 1395 iv Mary E.⁸ Payne, b. 8 Sept., 1858; d. 16 Aug., 1860.
- 1396 v Charles E.⁸ Payne, b. 12 Dec., 1861; m. Clara B. Bartol, 29 Jan., 1884.

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Caleb⁷ Dexter, son of Caleb⁶ [Caleb⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Lydia [Hiller] Dexter, was born 12 May, 1827. He married Clara H. Dexter, 9 May, 1853. Their children were born in Rochester. He was a carpenter by trade. He went to California in 1849, sailing in the

bark "Oscar," Captain Dornie, with seventy others attracted by the report of gold mining. They had a very narrow escape in a hurricane soon after starting, the vessel being blown upon her beams' end, but finally righted and they proceeded on their way. He stayed in California about two years.



CALEB DEXTER.

Children:

- 1397 i Delia M.^s Dexter, b. 10 Jan., 1856; m. John S. Dexter, 22 Nov., 1873.
- 1398 ii Arthur N.^s Dexter, b. in Mattapoisett, 3 Oct., 1857; m. Elizabeth Morse. Children: Frank Russell Dexter, b. 22 March, 1890; Ailee Rider Dexter, b. 25 Nov., 1891; Ralph C. Dexter, b. 5 Nov., 1894.
- 1399 iii Ellen T.^s Dexter, b. 17 Sept., 1861; d. 8 Jan., 1880.
- 1400 iv Frederick L.^s Dexter, b. 19 June, 1865; m. Lucy L. Lobdell, 4 June, 1896. He is highway surveyor and kept stable. Son: Frederick L., Jr., b. 3 June, 1897.

- 1401 v John C.^s Dexter, b. 6 March, 1868; m. Florence G. Dexter, 24 Nov., 1904.
 1402 vi Lucy B.^s Dexter, b. 20 Nov., 1870.

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Horace⁷ Dexter, son of David⁶ [Seth⁵, Seth⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Pitkin] Dexter, was born 29 Dec., 1803, and died 1863. He married Eunice C. Boltwood, of Amherst, 4 Oct., 1827. She was born 14 Aug., 1809.

One child:

- 1403 i Irene B.^s Dexter, b. 6 Dec., 1830; d. 1888; m. H. G. Tryon of Willoughby, N. Y., in 1850.

836

Lucretia⁷ Dexter, daughter of David⁶ [Seth⁵, Seth⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Pitkin] Dexter, was born 15 June, 1805, and died 26 Aug., 1874. She married William Clark of South Hadley, Mass., 5 Jan., 1843. He died at Tacoma, Wash., 1889.

Two children:

- 1404* i David Dexter^s Clark, b. 1844.
 1405 ii Mercy Smith^s Clark, b. 12 Sept., 1847.

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Edward⁷ Dexter, son of David⁶ [Seth⁵, Seth⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Pitkin] Dexter, was born 18 Feb., 1807, and died 23 Nov., 1874. He married (1) Mary A. Parsons of Ludlow, 5 Dec., 1833, and resided at Broad Brook, Conn.; (2) Charlotte Noble, 1870. She died in 1876.

Children:

- 1406 i Charlotte Maria^s Dexter, b. 1836; m. Frederick E. Bissell.
 1407 ii George Parsons^s Dexter, b. 1839; d. 1859.
 1407A iii Mary Ellen^s Dexter, b. —; m. Charles S. Clapp, 27 Nov., 1872.

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William⁷ Dexter, son of David⁶ [Seth⁵, Seth⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Pitkin] Dexter, was born 13 Sept., 1809. He married Fanny T. Herrington of Stockbridge, N. Y., 6 May, 1845.

Children :

- 1408 i Florence A.⁸ Dexter, b. 26 Jan., 1846.
- 1409 ii Clarence W.⁸ Dexter, b. 23 April, 1848.
- 1410 iii Charles H.⁸ Dexter, b. 1 July, 1850.



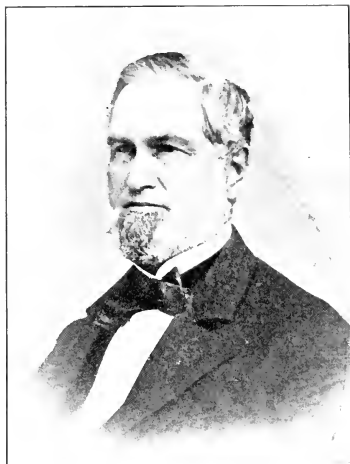
HARRIET DEXTER DOUGLAS.

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Harriet Clark⁷ Dexter, daughter of Seth⁶ [Seth⁵, Seth⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Sylvia [Gaylord] Dexter, was born 5 April, 1809, at Windsor Locks, Conn., and died 26 Feb., 1846. She married Edwin A. Douglas, 6 Feb., 1834. He was born 1804, at Mauch Chunk, Pa.

Five children:

- 1411 i Edwin Dexter^s Douglas, b. 1835; d. 1837.
- 1412 ii Harriet^s Douglas, b. —; m. Dean.
- 1413 iii Ellen^s Douglas, b. —; m. Moses Lyman.
- 1414 iv Isabelle^s Douglas, b. —; m. — Craig.
- 1415 v Charles^s Edwin Douglas, b. 1846; d. 1860.



CHARLES HASKELL DEXTER.

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Charles H.⁷ Dexter, son of Seth⁶ [Seth⁵, Seth⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Sylvia [Gaylord] Dexter, was born 19 Sept., 1810, and died 29 Aug., 1869. He married Lydia Pierson, 19 Sept., 1838. She was the daughter of Dr. William S. Pierson of Windsor Locks, Conn., and was born 16 Jan., 1819, at Windsor, Conn. She died 19 May, 1888. He began life in 1836 as a manufacturer of wrapping paper. In 1847 he built a large mill at Windsor Locks, and in 1855, he became president of the Connecticut River Co., and was

very successful. He became the central figure in all the best activities of the town and was by far the most influential person therein. He had a remarkably fine presence and a winning address, with a commanding form.

Children :

- 1416* i Julia S.^s Dexter, b. at Windsor Locks, Conn., 4 Nov., 1839.
- 1417* ii Annie P.^s Dexter, b. 5 May, 1842.
- 1418* iii Edwin D.^s Dexter, b. 24 Oct., 1847; d. 26 Jan., 1886.

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Mary Hynkley⁷ Dexter, daughter of Prince⁶ [Elijah⁵, Seth⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Arlothea [Savery] Dexter, was born 2 April, 1809, and died 31 May, 1842. She married William C. Haskell, 10 Dec., 1828.

Two children :

- 1419 i William Prince^s Haskell, b. 2 March, 1831.
- 1420 ii Mary M.^s Haskell, b. 8 Nov., 1837.

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John G.⁷ Dexter, son of Prince⁶ [Elijah⁵, Seth⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Arlothea [Savery] Dexter, was born 11 March, 1811, and died 3 Jan., 1834. He married Eleanor F. Richardson, 5 April, 1831.

Two children :

- 1420A i Eliza Bigelow^s Dexter, b. 15 Feb., 1832; d. 13 Jan., 1900; m. C. Henry Haskell.
- 1422* ii John Gibbs^s Dexter, b. 28 Feb., 1834; m. (1) Catherine T. B. Ruggles, 4 April, 1859; (2) Ellen M. Baldwin, 16 Dec., 1903.

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Rev. Henry Martyn⁷ Dexter, son Elijah⁶ [Elijah⁵, Seth⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Morton] Dexter, was born 13 Aug., 1821, at Plympton, Plymouth County, Mass., and died 13 Nov., 1890, at Boston, Mass. He grad-

nated from Yale College in 1840, and from Andover Theological Seminary in 1844. He married Emeline Palmer, 19 Nov., 1844, entering the Congregationalist ministry that year as pastor at Manchester, N. H., where he remained until 1849. He then went to Pine Street (later Berkeley Street), Boston, where he remained until 1867. From 1851 he edited the "Congregationalist," and from 1858 the "Congregationalist Quarterly." He preached in Dorechester, Mass., from 1869 to 1871, and was lecturer at Andover from 1877 to 1880. He wrote many books for publication. He made a deep study of the "Pilgrims," and published many papers on the subject. He received the degrees of D.D. from Iowa College in 1865, and LL.D. from Yale in 1890. He was a member of the American Antiquarian Society since 1869, of the Massachusetts Historical Society since 1868, and the American Historical Society since 1884. He died in 1890.

Children:

- 1421* i Henry Morton⁸ Dexter, b. 12 July, 1846.
- 1421A ii Winfred⁸ Dexter, b. 1 July, 1849; d. 2 July, 1849.
- 1423 iii Lizzie C.⁸ Dexter, b. 20 Aug., 1851; d. 31 Dec., 1861.
- 1424 iv Mary P.⁸ Dexter, b. 21 Nov., 1856; d. 29 Oct., 1861.

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Stephen⁸ Dexter, son of Samuel B.⁷ [Elisha⁶, Seth⁵, Jabez⁴, Philip³, William², Thomas¹] and Abby [Blackmore] Dexter, was born 10 Aug., 1826, and died 13 June, 1865. He married Eliza A. Nickerson, 12 Aug., 1851. He was a farmer and lived in Mattapoisett.

Children:

- 1425 i Abbie A.⁹ Dexter, b. 6 July, 1853; m. Charles H. G. Jenney, 25 Feb., 1873. Children: (1) Hattie A. Jenney, b. 22 Dec., 1875; (2) Nellie B. Jenney, b. 21 July, 1880.
- 1426 ii Edwin F.⁹ Dexter, b. 20 Jan., 1858; m. Maria T. Coleman, 25 Jan., 1887.

- 1427 iii George W.⁹ Dexter, b. 27 Feb., 1860; m. Cora Baxter, June, 1888. Son: Robert E. Dexter, b. 6 March, 1889.
- 1428 iv Stephen E.⁹ Dexter, b. 19 Jan., 1863; m. Susan H. Clark, 22 Dec., 1888.
- 1429 v Frederick C.⁹ Dexter, b. 7 Feb., 1865; d. 26 Sept., 1897.

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Mary Ann⁸ Dexter, daughter of Elisha⁷ [Elisha⁶, Seth⁵, Jabez⁴, Philip³, William², Thomas¹] and Sarah [Mendall] Dexter, was born 8 Feb., 1824. She married Nathaniel Parker, 26 Oct., 1842. He was a ship carpenter and lived in Mattapoisett.

Children:

- 1430 i Caroline A.⁹ Parker, b. in Mattapoisett, 28 Sept., 1843; m. Heman Copeland, 12 April, 1866.
- 1431 ii Emma A.⁹ Parker, b. in Mattapoisett, 15 Oct., 1845; m. C. Herbert Porter, 5 Nov., 1884.
- 1432 iii Eliza J.⁹ Parker, b. 29 Nov., 1849; m. Frank B. Brightman, 12 April, 1880.
- 1433 iv Son, b. and d. Dec., 1852.
- 1434 v Mary A.⁹ Parker, b. 10 Sept., 1857; m. Silas Taber, 6 Oct., 1881.

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Elisha L.⁸ Dexter, son of Elisha⁷ [Elisha⁶, Seth⁵, Jabez⁴, Philip³, William², Thomas¹] and Sarah [Mendall] Dexter, was born 22 March, 1834, and died 4 Feb., 1876. He married Harriet W. LeBaron, 4 Sept., 1866. He was a sawyer and for many years was engaged in sawing boxboard, etc. He was quite successful.

One child:

- 1435 i Lemmel LeBaron⁹ Dexter, b. in Mattapoisett, 22 Dec., 1872; m. Clara L. Hammond, 26 July, 1899. He was a lawyer practicing law in New Bedford; is a member of School Board of Mattapoisett, also a trustee of Public Library, and was one of the committee having in charge the erection of a new library building.

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Albert M.⁸ Dexter, son of Elisha⁷ [Elisha⁶, Seth⁵, Jabez⁴, Philip³, William², Thomas¹] and Sarah [Mendall] Dexter, was born 12 Aug., 1837, and died 25 July, 1899. He married Annie E. Hathaway, 24 Oct., 1871. He was a machinist and invented a machine for sawing logs, which was used very successfully. His place of business was Mattapoissett.

Two children :

- 1436 i Albert Morton⁹ Dexter, b. in Mattapoissett, 24 March, 1878.
- 1437 ii Evans K.⁹ Dexter, b. in Mattapoissett, 23 May, 1890.

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George H.⁸ Dexter, son of Elisha⁷ [Elisha⁶, Seth⁵, Jabez⁴, Philip³, William², Thomas¹] and Sarah [Mendall] Dexter, was born 29 March, 1840. He married Mary F. Wood, 24 Oct., 1871.

Two children :

- 1438 i Lena B.⁹ Dexter, b. 16 Sept., 1872.
- 1439 ii Gertrude W.⁹ Dexter, b. 21 June, 1879.

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Ezra H.⁸ Dexter, son of Harvey⁷ [Elisha⁶, Seth⁵, Jabez⁴, Philip³, William², Thomas¹] and Lydia [Chandler] Dexter, was born 20 March, 1826. He married Sarah Mendall, 23 Dec., 1849. He was a cabinet-maker, but later ran an express between Chelsea and Boston. His children were born in New Bedford.

Five children :

- 1440 i Arthur H.⁹ Dexter, 11 Oct., 1850; m. Mary E. Harvey, 29 May, 1877. Son: Carl W. Dexter, b. at Boston, 30 Sept., 1888.
- 1441 ii Sydney C.⁹ Dexter, b. 2 Nov., 1851; m. Mary A. Holmes, 14 March, 1880. Two children: Louise G. Dexter, b. 5 Sept., 1884; Emma J. Dexter, b. 3 April, 1888.
- 1442 iii Lydia S.⁹ Dexter, b. 17 Oct., 1853; d. 4 Nov., 1854.
- 1442A iv Georgie Etta⁹ Dexter, b. 29 April, 1857; m. James S. Harrower, 16 June, 1890. Son: Paul Dexter Harrower, b. 18 Jan., 1893.
- 1443 v Emily F.⁹ Dexter, b. 14 July, 1863; d. 7 April, 1878.

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Andrew^s Dexter, son of Harvey⁷ [Elisha⁶, Seth⁵, Jabez⁴, Philip³, William², Thomas¹] and Lydia [Chandler] Dexter, was born 27 Aug., 1834. He married Elizabeth A. Moseby, 16 May, 1867.

One child:

1444 i Marion^s Dexter, b. at Cincinnati, 2 Nov., 1873.

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Eunice^s Dexter, daughter of Alden⁷ [Elisha⁶, Seth⁵, Jabez⁴, Philip³, William², Thomas¹] and Merinda [Frost] Dexter, was born 26 Oct., 1835. She married (1) Abram Tinkham, 16 July, 1858; he died 5 July, 1879; (2) Charles H. Dillingham, 15 April, 1882.

They had six children, born at Mattapoisett:

- 1445 i Clark^s Tinkham, b. July, 1859; d. 6 Feb., 1862.
- 1446 ii Ella J.^s Tinkham, b. Aug., 1860; d. 6 Feb., 1862.
- 1447 iii Charles H.^s Tinkham, b. 4 Feb., 1862; m. (1) Eunice M. Randall, 20 Jan., 1886; (2) Ruth L. Sherman, 24 April, 1901.
- 1448 iv Thomas C.^s Tinkham, b. 5 Jan., 1864; m. Deborah J. Howard.
- 1449 v Ida M.^s Tinkham, b. 1 June, 1867; m. Benjamin A. Randall, 14 Feb., 1891.
- 1450 vi Mary L.^s Tinkham, b. 6 April, 1869.

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Joseph^s Dexter, son of Alden⁷ [Elisha⁶, Seth⁵, Jabez⁴, Philip³, William², Thomas¹] and Merinda [Frost] Dexter, was born 10 Dec., 1837, and died 9 Dec., 1886. He married Sophia H. Tinkham, 27 June, 1867.

Eleven children:

- 1451 i Emma S.^s Dexter, b. 8 Dec., 1864; m. Henry Smalley, Oct., 1890.
- 1452* ii Alden D.^s Dexter, b. 7 July, 1868.
- 1453* iii William H.^s Dexter, b. 26 Jan., 1871.
- 1454 iv Charles T.^s Dexter, b. 10 Aug., 1872.
- 1455* v Alice M.^s Dexter, b. 13 June, 1874.
- 1456 vi Arthur H.^s Dexter, b. 13 Aug., 1876.
- 1457 vii Lydia H.^s Dexter, b. 13 May, 1878.

- 1458 viii Ernest L.^o Dexter, b. 21 March, 1880; d. 19 Aug., 1882.
 1459 ix Herbert B.^o Dexter, b. 26 July, 1882.
 1460 x Adelaide S.^o Dexter, b. 8 Dec., 1884.
 1461 xi Joseph T.^o Dexter, b. 11 Feb., 1887.

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Moore's R.^s Dexter, son of John⁷ [Charles⁶, John⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary L. [Rogers] Dexter, was born 20 July, 1835, and died 9 Jan., 1866. He married Mary A. Purrington, 27 Nov., 1856.

Two children:

- 1462 i John L.^o Dexter, b. in Mattapoisett, 4 April, 1859; m. Emma L. Seroggs, 20 July, 1887. He now resides at Detroit, Mich., and is a wholesale dealer in flour, salt, hay and straw. He was President of the National Hay Association in 1903 and 1904, and is now on the Board of Directors.
 1463 ii Lizzie W.^o Dexter, b. 28 Nov., 1857; d. 12 May, 1858.

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Charles^s Dexter, son of James W.⁷ [Charles⁶, John⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Abigail H. [Cannon] Dexter, was born 19 Nov., 1837, and died 27 Dec., 1876.

Two children:

- 1464 i David W.^o Dexter, b. 11 Sept., 1866; d. 9 Oct., 1883.
 1465 ii Abby C.^o Dexter, b. 19 Oct., 1868; d. 28 Aug., 1884.

897

James A.^s Dexter, son of James W.⁷ [Charles⁶, John⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Abigail [Cannon] Dexter, was born 13 Aug., 1841, at Rochester, Mass. He married Flavilla Lake, 29 Dec., 1874. He was a painter in Marion, Mass., and has the care of summer cottages.

Two children:

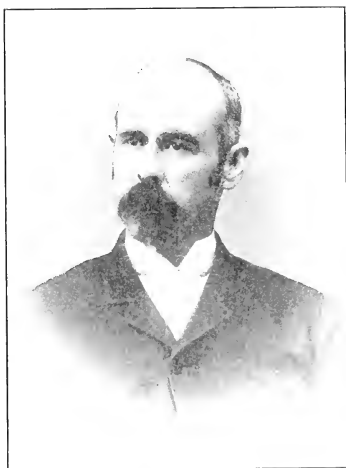
- 1466 i Susan A.^o Dexter, b. 13 Jan., 1882; m. Bismark Ladner, 16 Oct., 1901. Children: Ralph Dexter Ladner, b. 2 July, 1902; Wellington Ladner, b. 17 Sept., 1903; d. 12 Dec., 1903; Henderson Lake Ladner, b. 30 Aug., 1904.
 1467 ii Charles W.^o Dexter, b. 14 March, 1888.

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Silas B.⁸ Dexter, son of Chester B.⁷ [Charles⁶, David⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Sally [White] Dexter, was born 17 Feb., 1857, and died 23 March, 1890. He married Sadie Bennett, 12 March, 1883.

Three children:

- 1468 i John C.⁹ Dexter, b. 28 April, 1884.
- 1469 ii Lucius C.⁹ Dexter, b. 28 April, 1884.
- 1470 iii Sally Etta⁹ Dexter, b. 16 March, 1886.



CHARLES DELIVAN DEXTER.

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Charles Delivan⁸ Dexter, son of Avery G.⁷ [Charles⁶, David⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary D. [White] Dexter, was born 22 Nov., 1843. He married Rosa L. Knowlton, 25 Dec., 1870.

Three children :

- 1471 i Carrie Mabel⁹ Dexter, b. in Wardsboro, Vt., 30 April, 1878; m. Martin L. Johnson, 29 Aug., 1903.
- 1472 ii James Ambrose⁹ Dexter, b. 9 June, 1881.
- 1473 iii Charles Knowlton⁹ Dexter, b. 25 June, 1887.

911

Gertrude I.⁸ Dexter, daughter of Avery J.⁷ [Charles⁶, David⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary D. [White] Dexter, was born 26 July, 1845. She married Marshall O. Howe, 15 Aug., 1866.

Five children :

- 1474 i Marshall Avery⁹ Howe, b. 6 June, 1867.
- 1475 ii Herman Alline⁹ Howe, b. 1 Jan., 1869; m. Della C. Landfear, 26 Nov., 1903.
- 1476 iii Arthur Otis⁹ Howe, b. 7 March, 1871.
- 1477 iv Carlton Dexter⁹ Howe, b. 30 July, 1874.
- 1478 v Clifton Durant⁹ Howe, b. 30 July, 1874.

914

Mary Ambrosia⁸ Dexter, daughter of Avery J.⁷ [Charles⁶, David⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary D. [White] Dexter, was born 1 Sept., 1853. She married Brownson Mattison, 19 March, 1873.

Four children :

- 1479 i Fred. Brownson⁹ Mattison, b. 17 May, 1874.
- 1480 ii Winnie Cornelia⁹ Mattison, b. 10 Aug., 1876; m. — Bixby.
- 1481 iii Kate Dexter⁹ Mattison, b. 10 Jan., 1879.
- 1482 iv Rosa Mary⁹ Mattison, b. 28 Feb., 1881.

916

Luna Jennie⁸ Dexter, daughter of Avery J.⁷ [Charles⁶, David⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary D. [White] Dexter, was born 28 March, 1860. She married David Smith, 19 June, 1880.

Four children :

- 1483 i Archie David⁹ Smith, b. 19 April, 1881.
- 1484 ii Lizzie Mabel⁹ Smith, b. 17 Sept., 1882; m. ——— Bacon.
- 1485 iii Daisy Dexter⁹ Smith, b. 15 Aug., 1884; m. ——— Fitzpatrick.
- 1486 iv Mary Esther⁹ Smith, b. 2 March, 1892.

926

George S.⁸ Dexter, son of John S.⁷ [John⁶, David⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Julia A. [Eames] Dexter, was born 7 July, 1851. He married Mary E. Hyde, 13 May, 1883.

Two children :

- 1487 i Perley Hyde⁹ Dexter, b. in Chicopee Falls, Mass., 9 Nov., 1884.
- 1488 ii Jessie⁹ Dexter, b. 16 Jan., 1888.

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Florence Belle⁸ Dexter, daughter of D. Gilbert⁷ [David⁶, David⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Ellen [Simonds] Dexter, was born at Wilmington, Vt., 12 Aug., 1857. She married Prof. Charles H. Wiswell, 1 Jan., 1880. They now reside at Lexington, Mass.

Three children :

- 1489 i Kittie⁹ Wiswell, b. 1880.
- 1490 ii Margie⁹ Wiswell, b. 1882.
- 1491 iii Charles Dexter⁹ Wiswell, b. 1885.

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David Hazeltine⁸ Dexter, son of D. Gilbert⁷ [David⁶, David⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹] and Ellen [Simonds] Dexter, was born at Cambridge, 6 July, 1875. He married Mabel Helen White, 14 Sept., 1898. They now reside in San Francisco, Cal.

One child :

- 1492 i Oakley White⁹ Dexter, b. 16 July, 1899.

Edward Mills⁸ Tolman, son of Frances H.⁷ [Jonathan M.⁶, Jonathan⁵, John⁴, John³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and James P. Tolman, was born at Boston, 22 April, 1850. He spent his early life in Boston, moving to Philadelphia, Pa., in 1865, with his parents. He married Caroline G. Frishmuth, 21 July, 1875, Rev. Robert D. Harper of Philadelphia per-



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forming the ceremony. They continued to reside in Philadelphia, he being in company with his father in the laundry business. In 1890 they removed to Washington and went into the laundry business. He died 28 May, 1903.

They had two children, born in Philadelphia:

- 1493: i Frances Henrietta⁹ Tolman, b. 2 April, 1876; m. Alfred Barker, 6 March, 1905, at San Francisco, Cal.

- 1494 ii Edith Helen⁹ Tolman, b. 16 May, 1877; m. Frederick W. McKenzie, 18 March, 1903, by Rev. Donald C. McLeod. Children: Albert Edward McKenzie, b. 25 Jan., 1904; Donald McKenzie, b. 27 Sept., 1905.

939

Mary Ann⁸ Dexter, daughter of Allen⁷ [Edward⁶, Edward⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Phebe [Howard] Dexter, was born 15 Feb., 1846, and died 29 Jan., 1875. She married Edward Ellis Howard, June, 1870.

One child:

- 1495 i Charles H.⁹ Howard, b. May, 1871.

940

Charles E.⁸ Dexter, son of Allen⁷ [Edward⁶, Edward⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Phebe [Howard] Dexter, was born 16 June, 1848. He married Elizabeth A. Gifford, 26 Sept., 1870.

They had five children:

- 1496 i Annie Allen⁹ Dexter, b. 13 May, 1871; m. Harry F. Snow, Oct., 1888. One child: Irving Cushman Snow, b. June, 1889.
 1497 ii Arthur S.⁹ Dexter, b. 26 Sept., 1876; d. 7 April, 1896.
 1498 iii Mary Wilson⁹ Dexter, b. 15 April, 1880; d. 11 March, 1881.
 1499 iv George W. S.⁹ Dexter, b. 14 July, 1886.
 1500 v Gertrude Wilson⁹ Dexter, b. 8 Aug., 1892.

941

Martha J. W.⁸ Dexter, daughter of Allen⁷ [Edward⁶, Edward⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Phebe [Howard] Dexter, was born 16 Jan., 1848. She married Charles H. Andrews, 18 June, 1868; he was born 1 May, 1843, and died 7 April, 1878.

They had five children:

- 1501 i William Francis⁹ Andrews, b. 24 Jan., 1869.
 1502 ii Carrie Dean⁹ Andrews, b. 28 April, 1871; m. Armand LeCroix, 10 Nov., 1892.

- 1503 iii Bertha May⁹ Andrews, b. 29 Jan., 1873.
 1504 iv John Dexter⁹ Andrews, b. 26 April, 1875; m. Laura Dona Hoyt,
 29 May, 1900.
 1505 v Sara Lizzie⁹ Andrews, b. 17 March, 1878.

955

Samuel E.⁸ Dexter, son of Sumner⁷ [Samuel⁶, Edward⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Deborah [Edwards] Dexter, was born 7 March, 1850. He married Maggie A. Headman, 3 March, 1890. He was an iron moulder by occupation.

They had two children:

- 1506 i Georgianna⁹ Dexter, b. 16 Sept., 1894.
 1507 ii John Albert⁹ Dexter, b. 19 April, 1900.

974

Sarah M.⁸ Dexter, daughter of James⁷ [Samuel⁶, Edward⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Pamela Dexter, was born 30 Sept., 1856. She married (1) —; (2) Charles C. Nealey, 3 Aug., 1884.

She had one child by first husband and three by second husband:

- 1508 i David A.⁹ Dexter, b. March, 1876; m. Frances Maddox. Three
 children: Doris A. Dexter, b. 6 July, 1899; Ruth F. Dexter,
 b. 5 Feb., 1902; David A. Dexter, Jr., b. 6 Sept., 1904.
 1509 ii Clarence⁹ Nealey, b. 19 Feb., 1891.
 1510 iii Mildred⁹ Nealey, b. 20 Dec., 1895.
 1511 iv Mabel⁹ Nealey, b. 29 April, 1897.

976

Mary M.⁸ Dexter, daughter of James⁷ [Samuel⁶, Edward⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Pamela Dexter, was born 30 March, 1853. She married Eben Franklin Haskins, 9 May, 1871; he was born 17 Oct., 1846. He was a stone mason, and resided in New Bedford, Mass.

They had two children, born in New Bedford:

- 1512 i Bertha L.⁹ Haskins, b. 6 Jan., 1872; m. Andrew F. Mitchell, 6 Aug., 1889.
- 1513 ii Ruth A.⁹ Haskins, b. 16 Feb., 1873; m. Oscar Ashley, 28 June, 1888.

985

Dennis⁸ Dexter, son of Benjamin⁷ [Joseph⁶, Benjamin⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Betsey [Hilman] Dexter, was born 1811, and died 12 Nov., 1884. He married Mary D. Luce.

They had eight children:

- 1514 i Benjamin⁹ Dexter, b. —; d. 18 Jan., 1889; m. (1) Almira E. Luce, 21 July, 1857; one child, Arthur, b. 1858, d. 1870; (2) Sarah Hinckley; one child, Bertha, b. 1872.
- 1515* ii Sarah J.⁹ Dexter, b. 19 July, 1832.
- 1516 iii Dennis⁹ Dexter, b. 1839; d. 1899.
- 1517* iv Sophia⁹ Dexter, b. 1838; d. Aug. 27, 1891.
- 1518 v Henry G.⁹ Dexter, b. 1844; d. 19 Oct., 1891; m. Ida Norton. Two children: Etta and Mary.
- 1519 vi Addie E.⁹ Dexter, b. 4 Dec., 1847; m. George F. Armsby, 10 Feb., 1891.
- 1520* vii George H.⁹ Dexter, b. 31 Oct., 1849.
- 1521 viii Mary L.⁹ Dexter, b. 22 April, 1853; d. 1875; m. William H. Channing.

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George⁸ Dexter, son of Benjamin⁷ [Joseph⁶, Benjamin⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Betsey [Hilman] Dexter, was born —. He married Caroline Luce.

One child:

- 1522 i Eliza⁹ Dexter, b. —; m. (1) Rev. S. A. Thomas; (2) W. W. Douglass.

987

Rodolphus W.⁸ Dexter, son of Benjamin⁷ [Joseph⁶, Benjamin⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Betsey [Hilman]

Dexter, was born 29 April, 1816, and died 10 Sept., 1886.
He married Irene Clifford, 31 May, 1838.

They had two children:

- 1523 i Abbie⁹ Dexter, b. in Tisbury, Mass., 8 April, 1839; m. Col.
 C. S. Buckley, 8 May, 1867.
- 1524 ii Rodolphus W.⁹ Dexter, Jr., b. 4 Sept., 1843; d. in Stockton,
 Cal., 30 April, 1897.

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Joseph⁸ Dexter, son of Joseph⁷ [Joseph⁶, Benjamin⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Charlotte [Norton] Dexter, was born ——. He married Lucy Norton.

They had two children:

- 1525 i Lydia J.⁹ Dexter, b. —; m. Oran Look, 18 Nov., 1869.
- 1526 ii Adrianna⁹ Dexter, b. —.

1001

Hiram⁸ Dexter, son of Joseph⁷ [Joseph⁶, Benjamin⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Charlotte [Norton] Dexter, was born 6 May, 1813, and died 2 April, 1887. He married Love Lambert.

They had three children:

- 1527 i Cordelia L.⁹ Dexter, b. in Tisbury, 22 March, 1838; d. 5 Nov.,
 1859.
- 1528* ii Jonathan⁹ Dexter, b. 23 Jan., 1843.
- 1529 iii Charlotte A.⁹ Dexter, b. 18 Feb., 1852; d. 4 Oct., 1871.

1003

Franklin Bowditch⁸ Dexter, son of Rodolphus W.⁷ [Noah⁶, Benjamin⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary H. [Taber] Dexter, was born 11 Sept., 1842. He graduated from Yale in 1861 and was a tutor from 1864 to 1867. In 1869 he became secretary of corporations of Yale University, which office he held till 1899. From 1877 to 1888 he

was professor of American history at Yale College, and has been assistant librarian of Yale University since 1869. He is the author of "Biographical Sketches of Yale Graduates," and of many other works. He is now secretary of foreign correspondence for the American Antiquarian Society. He married Theodosia M. Wheeler in 1880.

They have one child:

- 1530 i Dorothea M.^o Dexter, b. in New Haven, 20 July, 1888.

1019

Josiah A.^s Dexter, son of Benjamin⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Elizabeth P. [Delano] Dexter, was born 20 Nov., 1842. He married Susan G. Durfee, 7 Sept., 1870.

They had three children:

- 1531 i Lillian A.^o Dexter, b. 29 Aug., 1871.
 1532 ii Edith Delano^o Dexter, b. 4 Nov., 1873.
 1533 iii Marion H.^o Dexter, b. 9 May, 1884.

1020

Abbie M.^s Dexter, daughter of Benjamin⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Elizabeth P. [Delano] Dexter, was born 28 Sept., 1844. She married Edward E. Hicks, 23 June, 1873.

Mrs. Hicks went on a voyage with her husband soon after their marriage. They sailed from New Bedford on the bark "Mermaid," August, 1873, for a cruise in the Indian Ocean after whales.

I quote her letter: "We had good weather and very little sickness. Thursday, Oct. 16, Flores was in sight. Captain Hicks went ashore in the morning and returned to the ship for dinner. At two o'clock we both went ashore. To walk upon the ground after rolling about for six weeks was enjoyment. We spent the afternoon on shore. We sighted Fayal Wednesday, Oct. 22, and went in about twelve o'clock noon

of the 23rd. We left Fayal at eight the morning of the 25th. We then cruised in the Atlantic and took a great many whales. Having rounded the Cape of Good Hope with rather cold, windy weather, we sailed north into the Indian Ocean. Madagascar was sighted the 26th of March, 1874. Here the weather grew warmer and calmer. The 18th of May, we went into Mahi, Seychelle Islands. It is a beautiful island, with a fine climate. There are cocoanut groves, and wild cinnamon and cloves. Bananas are raised there and the vanilla bean cultivated. We were all glad to leave the vessel after being confined to it for nearly five months. We hired a house, and with the help of a few native servants lived comfortably. Captain Hicks took the ship out June 2, though I lived there until Aug. 29, when we left for a cruise on the coast of Arabia, where we were sailing on summer seas all the time. It was calm, warm and delightful living. The 22nd of July, 1875, we spent the day on the island of Johanna, which is one of the Comoro Islands.

"We returned to New Bedford with a full cargo of oil, about the 16th of March, 1876, having had good luck, good weather and a pleasant voyage."

Captain Hicks made other voyages, being accompanied in 1881 by his wife and two children. One of the voyages proved unsuccessful and unpleasant, as bad weather prevailed. They returned home in July, 1883.

They had six children:

- 1534 i Elizabeth D.^o Hicks, b. on Seychelle Islands, Indian Ocean, 22 July, 1874. Is now a teacher in public schools at New Bedford.
- 1535 ii Edward H.^o Hicks, b. in Marion, 26 May, 1876. Is now reporter for New Bedford Mercury.
- 1536 iii Louise E.^o Hicks, b. in New Bedford, 21 Sept., 1878. Is public school teacher in New Bedford.
- 1537 iv Florence K.^o Hicks, b. in Fayal, Western Islands, 4 July, 1882; d. in Rutland, Mass., 21 Oct., 1904.
- 1538 v Alexander^o Hicks, b. in New Bedford, 24 April, 1884. At School of Technology in Boston in 1905.
- 1538A vi Belle B.^o Hicks, b. in New Bedford, 6 Feb., 1886. At school at Wellesley College.

1022

Benjamin F.⁸ Dexter, son of Benjamin⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Elizabeth P. [Delano] Dexter, was born 26 Feb., 1850, and died 2 Dec., 1901. He married Olive Kinney, 8 March, 1880.

They had three children:

- 1539 i Benjamin D.⁹ Dexter, b. 26 Oct., 1880; d. 14 Nov., 1890.
- 1540 ii Ella F.⁹ Dexter, b. 23 Oct., 1882.
- 1541 iii Arthur Delano⁹ Dexter, b. 31 Dec., 1887; d. 28 Jan., 1901.

1025

Seth L. M.⁸ Dexter, son of Rufus⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Elizabeth L. [Washburn] Dexter, was born 3 March, 1854. He married Elizabeth Jenney, 3 Nov., 1878.

They had three children:

- 1542 i Bessie L.⁹ Dexter, b. in River Falls, Wis., 19 Oct., 1880.
- 1543 ii Lawrence L.⁹ Dexter, b. in River Falls, Wis., 19 June, 1882.
- 1544 iii Robert W.⁹ Dexter, b. in Marion, Mass., 7 July, 1886.

1026

Horace⁸ Dexter, son of Jonathan K.⁷ [Jonathan⁶, David⁵, Josiah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Clarinda [Smith] Dexter, was born 15 Sept., 1839. He married Ann E. Lyman, 25 Feb., 1869.

They had four children:

- 1545 i Horace Lyman⁹ Dexter, b. 30 May, 1870.
- 1546 ii James Smith⁹ Dexter, b. 20 Aug., 1872.
- 1547 iii Agnes May⁹ Dexter, b. 6 Sept., 1875.
- 1548 iv Grace Ethel⁹ Dexter, b. 27 Sept., 1878.

1027

Mary⁸ Dexter, daughter of Jonathan K.⁷ [Jonathan⁶, David⁵, Josiah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Clarinda

[Smith] Dexter, was born 17 June, 1844. She married James Landers, 5 Sept., 1861.

They had three children :

- 1549 i Mary⁹ Landers, b. in New Bedford, 1 Dec., 1862; m. Charles Cox, Jan., 1889.
- 1550 ii Katie⁹ Landers, b. in New Bedford, 20 Dec., 1868; m. Henry L. Miller, 4 Sept., 1897.
- 1551 iii John F.⁹ Landers, b. in Fairhaven, 2 Oct., 1872; m. Etta Leonard, 14 Dec., 1893.

1029

Allen D.⁸ Hammond, son of Martha M.⁷ [Allen⁶, David⁵, Josiah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Noah Hammond, was born 1 June, 1871. He married Eliza Lenora Shaw, 19 Sept., 1894.

They had two children, born in Brockton :

- 1552 i Allen Dexter⁹ Hammond, b. Feb., 1897.
- 1553 ii Dorothy⁹ Hammond, b. 3 April, 1904.

1033

Henry C.⁸ Dexter, son of John⁷ [Constant⁶, Isaac⁵, Constant⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary B. [Shaw] Dexter, was born at Wayne, Me., 21 April, 1831. He married Ellen E. Carll, 17 Dec., 1864.

They had three children, born at Auburn, Me.:

- 1554 i Clifton C.⁹ Dexter, b. 27 April, 1866.
- 1555 ii Alice B.⁹ Dexter, b. 26 Dec., 1869.
- 1556 iii Elbert H.⁹ Dexter, b. 12 Oct., 1874.

1049

George T.⁸ Dexter, son of Rev. Henry V.⁷ [Amasa⁶, Isaac⁵, Constant⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary E. [Boardman] Dexter, was born at Augusta, Me., 25 Jan., 1860. He married Nellie J. Greenwood, 14 April, 1879; she died 8 Nov., 1900.



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Two children :

- 1557 i Frederick Greenwood⁹ Dexter, b. 11 Aug., 1881.
- 1558 ii Leon Boardman⁹ Dexter, b. 4 June, 1893.

The following from an insurance journal shows Mr. Dexter's standing:

"Within recent years a new force has entered the agency business of life insurance in the person of George T. Dexter, superintendent of domestic agencies of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. He is not only a new force, but he represents individual characteristics which distinguish him from other men who have won great fame in the management of large agency corps. The handling of agents, especially under the modern tendency to bring them into closer touch with the home office, requires talents of a peculiar order, not always of the same kind, because different men manage by different methods. Mr. Dexter is certainly not a copy or a duplicate, in any sense of the word, of others who exert a controlling power in the great field of life insurance.

"Mr. Dexter is the son of a Baptist clergyman. His boyhood was passed in Maine, where he acquired his early education. At the age of eighteen he became imbued with a boyish ambition for the sea and enlisted as a sailor on a vessel trading in the Orient, by way of Cape Horn. He spent two years before the mast, sharing the trials and hardships of a common seaman, bunking in the forecastle and partaking of the seaman's homely fare. None of his shipmates suspected that the master of the vessel was Dexter's brother-in-law.

"The physical training and moral discipline secured in this school had much to do in developing the strength of character shown in Mr. Dexter's later life. After giving up the sea he acted as commercial traveler for a short time, but becoming interested in life insurance, was induced to act as solicitor for the United States Life at Keene, N. H.

"He was a success in this business from the very start, so successful, in fact, that he was soon made general agent of the company at Worcester, Mass. He occupied this position one year, and then accepted a call to a larger field, as superintendent of agencies for E. W. Peet, the Mutual Life's

manager at St. Paul. He supervised the company's work in Minnesota and Iowa. His success in this department was conspicuous, and in a few years he was promoted to supervise the fieldmen in the Mutual Life's great Ohio agency of L. C. Lawton & Co.

"His work in this field attracted the particular attention of the home office. He was entrusted with the execution of several missions of supreme importance, requiring great judgment and tact. The skill with which he handled these matters so impressed the executive officials of the company that in 1898 he was selected to organize and manage the company's department of domestic agencies.

"Like most men who occupy positions of responsibility Mr. Dexter is a man of great energy, possessing that talent for achievement and hard work which a great philosopher has said lies at the root of all genius. Unlike some who have made their mark in life insurance, there is nothing spectacular in his make-up, nothing sensational in his methods of doing business. Neither in his manner nor his speech does he boast of great things to be done. Nevertheless, no one who has ever come in contact with him in a business way, for even the briefest period, ever doubted the definiteness of his plans or the fixity of his purpose. Although he keeps his own counsel he knows what there is to do and is quick to see how it is to be done. Quietness, reserve, determination are the essential characteristics of his make-up, and his plans are only revealed in their fulfillment.

"In dealing with competing interests, or in the adjustment of business complications, he has proved himself a born diplomat. Admitting no wrong or weakness in his own cause he concedes only non-essentials to the opposition. Having taken his stand upon sure ground he maintains it unreservedly. Although quick to act in emergencies, nothing is done which is ill considered. In subsequent developments he has nothing to unsay, nothing to explain away. He is pre-eminently a safe man in his position. He makes the minimum of mistakes.

"In his intercourse with the field force Mr. Dexter is dig-

nified, but at the same time frank and straightforward. He never 'jollies' his agents. He does not awaken in them false hopes or foster vain expectations. The managers and agents working under him know that he is dependable, that his words and acts are not susceptible of double interpretation, and that he will always do more, not less, than he promises."

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Professor Edwin Grant⁸ Dexter, son of Rev. Henry Vaughan⁷ [Amasa⁶, Isaac⁵, Constant⁴, Benjamin³, William² Thomas¹] and Mary Edna [Boardman] Dexter, was born at Calais, Me., 21 July, 1868.

His boyhood days were spent in the town of Templeton, Mass., the place of his father's last pastorate and death. After attending the town schools until the age of 16 years, he entered Worcester (Mass.) Academy and prepared for Brown University, from which he was graduated in 1891, with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). While an undergraduate he was his class historian (Pub. Prov. 1889), director of the Boating Association, President of the Camera Club and of the Glee Club, member of the University Quartette and editor of the *Liber Bruneusis*, the college annual. He is a member of the Zeta Psi Fraternity and of Phi Beta Kappa. The year of 1891-92 was spent at Brown as instructor and graduate student, the Master of Arts degree being conferred at its close "*summa cum laude*."

The next three years, 1892-95, were passed as science master of the Colorado Springs (Col.) High School. He was also director for the years of 1893 and 1894 of the Colorado Summer School of Science, Philosophy and Languages, holding its sessions at Colorado Springs. During those years the school had upon its faculty, among others, President Wilson of Princeton, Andrews of Nebraska, Hyde of Bowdoin and Slocum and Baker of Colorado, as well as Professors William James, Richard T. Ely, C. E. Bessey, William J. Rolfe, Katherine Lee Bates, Katherine Coman, and W. D. Todd.

In 1895 he was appointed professor of psychology at the Colorado State Normal School (Greeley, Col.), which position he held until taking his present position in 1900, with leave of absence for the year 1899-1900, during which he held a fellowship at Columbia University, and was granted the Ph.D. degree.

While in Colorado, he was a member of the Colorado Scientific Society; the Colorado State Educational Council; president of the child-study section of the State Teachers' Association. He also received a medal for his part in the preparation of the state educational exhibit at the World's Columbian Exposition, at Chicago, in 1893. Since coming to the University of Illinois, he has been, beside holding the professorship of education, director and dean of the summer session of the University.

Professor Dexter is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and of the American Geographical Society; is a member of the National Educational Association; president of the National Society for the Scientific Study of Education; of the Society of College Teachers of Education; of the American Psychological Association; of the American Social Science Association; of the Illinois Schoolmasters' Club; of the Internationalen Societie für Schulhygiene (and a collaborating editor of its journal), and of the Société Jean Jacques Rousseau.

Professor Dexter has published upwards of sixty scientific and educational articles in such journals as *Educational Review*, *Education*, *Popular Science Monthly*, *Psychological Review*, *International Journal of Ethics*, *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, *Science*, *World's Work*, *Harper's Weekly*, and the *Scientific American*; in addition, two volumes from the Macmillan Press: "A History of Education in the United States," Sept., 1904, pp. xxi-654, 8vo, and "Weather Influences: an Empirical Study of the Mental and Psychological Effects of Definite Meteorological Conditions," August, 1904, pp. xxi-288.

Professor Dexter married Allie Martin Hodge, 7 June, 1895, in Colorado Springs.

They have three children :

- 1559 i Henry Vaughan⁹ Dexter, b. 27 March, 1896.
- 1560 ii Louise⁹ Dexter, b. 4 Aug., 1900.
- 1561 iii Dwight Hodge⁹ Dexter, b. 14 July, 1903.

1068

Joseph Dean⁸ Dexter, son of Joseph D.⁷ [Eleazer⁶, Samuel⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Olive [Gould] Dexter, was born 18 June, 1820. He married Almeda Anderson, 8 March, 1846. She was born 1826, daughter of Timothy and Betsey Anderson.

They had one child :

- 1562 i Joseph Franklin⁹ Dexter, b. 18 July, 1847.

1071

Nancy M.⁸ Dexter, daughter of Joseph Dean⁷ [Eleazer⁶, Samuel⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Olive [Gould] Dexter, was born 1825. She married (1) Henry B. Gould, son of Haffield and Lydia Gould, 6 May, 1847; (2) Joseph C. Page, 2 Nov., 1865.

She had one child by first husband and two by second husband :

- 1563 i Ella Maria⁹ Gould, b. 9 Sept., 1851.
- 1564 ii Joseph C.⁹ Page, Jr., b. —.
- 1565 iii Estella Freese⁹ Page, b. —.

1087

Caroline Angelia⁸ Taylor, daughter of Cassandra⁷ [Jonathan⁶, Samuel⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Lemuel F. Taylor, was born 1 March, 1841. She married Darius Parsons of Sutton, 24 Nov., 1877, at Hubbardston.

They had one child :

- 1566 i George Taylor⁹ Parsons, b. 4 May, 1879.

1095

Adams⁸ French, Jr., son of Rhoda⁷ [Lucy⁶, Ichabod⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Adams French, was born 1828. He married Abby E. Kellogg, 25 Jan., 1849. She was born 1830, daughter of John and Clarinda Kellogg. He was a pail maker.

They had one child:

1567 i Elvira Franklin⁹ French, b. 30 Jan., 1850; d. — .

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Mary A.⁸ French, daughter of Rhoda⁷ [Lucy⁶, Ichabod⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Adams French, was born — . She married Franklin L. Waters, 22 April, 1850. He was born 1829, son of John, Jr., and Olive Waters of Champlain, N. Y. He was a pail-maker.

They had one child:

1568 i Albert⁹ Waters, b. — ; m. Ada Morrell, about 1892. No children.

1097

Lysander⁸ French, son of Rhoda⁷ [Lucy⁶, Ichabod⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Adams French, was born at Orange in 1839. He married Julia Hunt.

Four children:

- 1569 i Waldo⁹ French, b. — ; m. Minnie Ford. Three children.
- 1570 ii Cora⁹ French, b. 1858; m. Frank Cheney, 16 Sept., 1880; farmer, of Sanford, Me.; son of Horace B. and Susan A. Cheney, was born in 1857. Two children.
- 1571 iii Frank⁹ French, b. — .
- 1572 iv J. Margaret⁹ French, b. 1865; m. Ellsworth E. Howe of Grafton, Mass., 17 Nov., 1886; he was born in 1861 at Princeton. Two children.

1098

Moses C.⁸ French, son of Rhoda⁷ [Lucy⁶, Ichabod⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Adams French, was born in 1842. He married Kate E. Bishop. Was a furniture dealer.

Two children:

- 1573 i Minnie May⁹ French, b. 27 March, 1868; d. 7 April, 1869.
- 1574 ii Clara Eleanor⁹ French, b. 6 Oct., 1870.

1099

William N.⁸ Dexter, son of Foster D.⁷ [John⁶, Job⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Phebe P. [] Dexter, was born 15 Aug., 1843. He married (1) Frances Newland, Aug., 1870; (2) Mary J. Dooley, 7 April, 1887 (she died 14 March, 1897); (3) Lillian Adell Field, 22 Dec., 1897 (she was born 18 April, 1857). He is now living in New Salem, Mass.

Two children:

- 1575 i Iona F.⁹ Dexter, b. 2 Dec., 1888.
- 1576* ii Mabel A.⁹ Dexter (adopted), b. 8 March, 1869; m. George Carpenter of Orange.

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Charles Augustus⁸ Wheeler, son of William A.⁷ [Anna⁶, Job⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Almira [Allen] Wheeler, was born 27 Jan., 1826. He married Mary Eliza Douglas, 1 Jan., 1851, and died 18 Sept., 1867. He was educated in the public schools of Worcester and at Williston Seminary at Easthampton, Mass. After an apprenticeship with his father he was admitted into partnership. He held several official positions in Worcester until failing health obliged him to retire from office and from active business.

Three children :

- 1577 i William Stephen⁹ Wheeler, b. 19 Oct., 1855; d. 28 April, 1856.
 1578 ii Annie Douglas⁹ Wheeler, b. 15 Oct., 1861; d. 10 Sept., 1862.
 1579 iii Charles Douglas⁹ Wheeler, b. 9 Nov., 1865.

1101

William Fiske⁸ Wheeler, son of William A.⁷ [Anna⁶, Job⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Almira [Allen] Wheeler, was born 24 June, 1830. He married Adaline Barry Young, 13 Sept., 1854. He was educated at Harvard University, 1852, and went to Europe soon after his graduation. A weakness of his eyes obliged him to abandon the profession of medicine, which he had intended to pursue. Having a taste for agriculture, he purchased a farm and conducted a school for boys in connection therewith, until the breaking out of the War of the Rebellion, when he enlisted and was chosen captain of a company in the 51st Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers. After the war his health failed and he gave up active business.

Four children :

- 1580 i Frank Allen⁹ Wheeler, b. 29 Sept., 1859.
 1581 ii Charles Sprague⁹ Wheeler, b. 7 Jan., 1863; d. 24 Nov., 1865.
 1582 iii Ada Maria⁹ Wheeler, b. 14 Nov., 1865.
 1583 iv Thomas⁹ Wheeler, b. 14 Sept., 1868.

1104

Moses Allen⁸ Wheeler, son of William A.⁷ [Anna⁶, Job⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Almira [Allen] Wheeler, was born in Worcester, 19 Aug., 1838. He married Helen Marion Erwin, 18 Jan., 1865, and died 28 Nov., 1884. He was educated in the public schools of Worcester, and was in the office of his father until his failing health induced him to engage in farming on an estate in the outskirts of Worcester, where he resided until his death. He was a Republican in politics.

Five children:

- 1584 i Moses Allen⁹ Wheeler, b. 18 March, 1866. Superintendent of Elevator Co., and resides at 3 Forbes Street, Worcester.
 1585 ii Harriet Erwin⁹ Wheeler, b. 18 July, 1867. Teacher in public schools, and resides at 3 Forbes St., Worcester.
 1586 iii Fanny⁹ Wheeler, b. 26 Aug., 1869.
 1587 iv Helen Eliza⁹ Wheeler, b. 27 June, 1872. Resides at 3 Forbes Street, Worcester.
 1588 v Marion Barnard⁹ Wheeler, b. 4 Feb., 1877.

1121

George L.⁸ Morton, son of Alexander⁷ [James⁶, Mary⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Martha [Wheeler] Morton, was born in 1846. He married —.

Three children:

- 1589 i Edna⁹ Morton, b. —; m. Amasa Smith.
 1590 ii Moses⁹ Morton, b. —.
 1591 iii Proctor⁹ Morton, b. —; m. —. Three children: Charles Morton, Dexter Morton, Helen Morton.

1129

Shatley⁸ Morton, son of Samuel⁷ [Hannah⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and — Morton, was born in 1815. He married —.

Four children:

- 1592 i Uriah⁹ Morton, b. —.
 1593 ii Lewis⁹ Morton, b. —.
 1594 iii Charles⁹ Morton, b. —.
 1595 iv William⁹ Morton, b. —.

1130

Benjamin⁸ Morton, son of Samuel⁷ [Hannah⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and — Morton, was born in 1818. He married —.

Two children:

- 1596 i Almon⁹ Morton, b. ——.
 1597 ii Millard⁹ Morton, b. ——.

1131

Almon⁸ Morton, son of Samuel⁷ [Hannah⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and ——— Morton, was born in 1820. He married ———.

Two children:

- 1598 i Edgar⁹ Morton, b. ——.
 1599 ii Willard⁹ Morton, b. ——.

1143

Trustum Durell⁸ Dexter, son of Amasa⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Roanna [Allen] Dexter, was born 7 July, 1834, at Orange, Mass. He married Mary Susan Calligan, 9 Nov., 1862. She was born 8 Sept., 1840, and died ———. He was in the U. S. Army during the Rebellion (15th Mass. Reg.). He was killed by accident May 4, 1904 (falling from a building). He was a large owner of real estate in Clinton, Mass.

They adopted a girl, but she died many years ago.

1144

Benjamin Allen⁸ Dexter, son of Amasa⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Roanna [Allen] Dexter, was born 25 Oct., 1836. He married Laura O. Webb, 4 April, 1860, at Black River, N. Y. She was born 25 March, 1842, and died 7 Jan., 1897, at Black River, New York. He died 22 Jan., 1906.

Three children:

- 1600 i Freddy B.⁹ Dexter, b. 16 May, 1861; d. 28 Sept., 1861, at Black River, N. Y.
 1601* ii Frank Albert⁹ Dexter, b. in Rutland, 26 Nov., 1863.
 1602 iii Herbert Arthur⁹ Dexter, b. 4 Oct., 1870.

1147

Elihu Osgood Clark⁸ Dexter, son of Amasa⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Roanna [Allen] Dexter, was born in Orange, Mass., 12 Aug., 1842. He married Jane Miner, 1 Jan., 1867. She was a daughter of Benjamin Randall and Mary Elmira (Clark) Miner, and was born in Colerain, 22 June, 1842. He was a farmer and lived on part of the old homestead, moving the old house to the north part of the estate and making their home there. He owned a large amount of land in Orange.

Two children:

- 1603^a i Myra R.² Dexter, b. 2 June, 1871; d. 27 April, 1904; m. George W. Holton, 1892.
 1604 ii Herbert C.² Dexter, b. 14 March, 1876; m. Ava Leona Sargent, 25 Dec., 1901. Now living on a farm in South Orange, Mass.



1148

Hephzibah⁸ Dexter, daughter of Amasa⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Roanna [Allen] Dexter, was born 24 June, 1845, at Wendell, Mass. She went to school at Wendell, Mass., and afterwards at Orange, Mass. She moved to Worcester in 1865, where she was married to Henry Davis Barber of Worcester, Mass., in 1867. She has always been active in church work, being a member of the Methodist Church. She has been for many years one of the visitors and directors of the Old Ladies' Home in Worcester.

One child:

- 1605 i Harry Reuel⁹ Barber, b. 6 Sept., 1872; m. Harriette Heloise Huffman, 19 Sept., 1900, at New Castle, Ohio. He is a graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and is now district manager of Telephone Company at St. Louis. They have one daughter, Heloise.

1149

Hoyt⁸ Dexter, son of Amasa⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Roanna [Allen] Dexter, was born at Wendell, Mass., 20 Aug., 1847. He married Aurea Scott of Black River, N. Y., 20 Sept., 1876.

Two children:

- 1606 i Leta⁹ Dexter, b. in Colerain, Mass., ——.
 1607 ii Nina⁹ Dexter, b. in Colerain, Mass., ——.

1150

Anna⁸ Dexter, daughter of Amasa⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Roanna [Allen] Dexter, was born 13 Aug., 1850, and died 7 Jan., 1904. She married (1) B. F. Miner, 1870. He was the son of Benjamin Randall and Mary Elmira (Clark) Miner. She married (2) Charles Stevens, 1884.

One child by first husband:

1608 i David Earl⁹ Miner, b. 10 Aug., 1871; m. Alice Kimball, 28 Oct., 1893.

1151

Joseph Lord^s Dexter, son of Moses⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Persis [Lord] Dexter, was born in Orange, Mass., 7 Jan., 1839. His early



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life was spent in his native town on the farm at home, and learning the carpenter's trade of Deacon Howe. He was married to Sarah Jane Wood, 7 Oct., 1858, and they have had four children, Frank Edward, Fred Abbott, Mabel L. and Louise. He removed to Athol, Mass., about 1864 or '65, and for over thirty years was the leading builder and contractor of that town, and some of Athol's finest residences are the work of his hand and brain, and it has been said of him that he never erected a poor building.

He was a Republican in politics and intelligently interested in public affairs. He was a member of Tully Lodge of Odd Fellows. His health had not been good the last few years of his life, and he had retired from active work.

His death was caused by drowning 28 Feb., 1902, and the only cause that can be given is a general despondency over his ill health. He leaves a good name, and the sad circumstance of his departure from this life casts no reflections on his character or spirit.

Four children :

- 1609* i Frank E.^o Dexter, b. 25 Dec., 1859; m. Cora H. Lee, 15 Aug., 1883.
- 1610* ii Fred. A.^o Dexter, b. 17 Oct., 1862; m. Flora L. Putnam, 26 Oct., 1884.
- 1611* iii Mabel L.^o Dexter, b. 3 June, 1865; m. Arthur A. Prentiss.
- 1612 iv Nettie L.^o Dexter, b. 13 Jan., 1869; d. 8 Aug., 1869.

1153

Everett Augustus^s Dexter, eldest child of David⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Maria [Hubbard] Dexter, was born 3 Aug., 1836, in Orange, Mass., and was a small child when his parents settled at Black River. He attended the public school of that village, and his father planned to send him to college. The son, however, preferred a business career, and was permitted to begin at an early age to work in the chair factory of his father. He worked his way through all departments of the work and was master of every detail. He became partner with his father in 1864, and succeeded to the sole ownership in 1880. Soon after this he admitted his brother, David Erwin Dexter, to partnership, and the business was conducted under the name of David Dexter's Sons. On account of failing health Everett Dexter went to Colorado in 1889, and remained there three years. Returning to Black River, he passed away at his home there, 12 March, 1893.

A man of domestic tastes, Mr. Dexter preferred his home to the market place, and he shunned public office, though a

public-spirited citizen, and was widely respected as a thoroughly upright man. He was a believer in the principles of the Republican party, and sustained them with his influence at all times. He was a regular attendant of the local



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church, in which he was a trustee, and was a member of Watertown Lodge, No. 49, Free and Accepted Masons.

A sound and incorruptible business man, he never lost the respect and esteem of his contemporaries. Mr. Dexter was

married to Miss Martha Oakes, Oct. 8, 1864, who was born May 18, 1840, at Antwerp, Jefferson County, a daughter of George and Martha (Green) Choate Oakes. The last named was a descendant of Robert and Sarah Choate, whose son, John Choate, was a pioneer settler of New England. The only child of Everett A. and Martha (Oakes) Dexter is Carolyn Martha, who was born in Black River. She is a graduate of the Watertown High School, and of the Oswego Normal School. She is now a kindergarten teacher in New York, residing with her mother in Jamaica, Long Island.

The esteem in which Mr. Dexter was held in the community is shown by the following extracts from an obituary published in the Watertown Times, and the resolutions adopted by his Masonic lodge, namely: "In 1839, when about three years of age, the subject of this sketch came with his parents from Massachusetts to Black River, which he has seen grow from a small hamlet to a thriving manufacturing town. To this growth and to all that tended to the improvement of the village and its inhabitants, Mr. Dexter was always ready to extend both moral and financial aid." . . . "Among the scores of employees in the factory, many of whom had worked there a score of years, Mr. Dexter was uniformly loved and respected." . . .

"A kind husband and father, a considerate employer, an upright business man and a public-spirited citizen, Mr. Dexter's death will be more widely felt than that of any other resident of the village who has passed away."

"Whereas, our earthly lodge has thus lost one who was dear to us, as a true and worthy friend, associate and brother, and the grand lodge above has gained another bright, immortal soul, therefore be it,

"Resolved, that our lodge be draped in the usual mourning, that a page in this book of minutes be set apart to perpetuate his name and memory, that these preambles and resolutions be published in the Daily Times, and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the sorrowing relatives, and that while we mourn for one whom we dearly loved, and tender to the bereaved ones our deep and sincere sympathy

in this hour of their affliction, we humbly, devoutly and reverently bow to the inevitable laws of our Supreme Grand Master above, who doeth all things well."

One child:

1613 i Carrie M.⁹ Dexter, b. 20 July, 1877.

1156

David Erwin⁸ Dexter, son of David⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Maria [Hubbard] Dexter, was born 8 Feb., 1849, at Black River, N. Y. He married Mary D. Pierce, 10 May, 1870. She was born 30 Sept., 1849.

1157

Henry Clay⁸ Dexter, eldest son of Simeon⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Maria [Hardy] Dexter was born 4 May, 1858, in Black River, N. Y., and received most of his education in the Watertown public schools, and at Potsdam Normal School. In 1882 he entered the employ of Poor, Dexter & Co., chair manufacturers at Black River. His brother Charles was a partner in this business, and the share of the management, on account of Charles' failing health, soon evolved on him. On March 4, 1884, he became a partner in the firm, and a year later, he and Charles bought out the other partners, Christopher Poor and Charles Wolf, and at once joined with the owners of a factory and water power on the north side of the river, D. Hubbard Scott and Byron N. Scott, and immediately moved their woodworking department into this shop. After one year, the Dexter brothers bought out the other two and continued the business of chair-making alone, under the name of Dexter & Co. After the death of Charles, the name was made H. C. Dexter Chair Co., under which title it was incorporated in 1890. On the 24th of November, 1894, the shop, which stood on the present site of the Union School building, was destroyed by fire. A new building

was erected on the north side of the river, and this was burned Feb. 17, 1900. It was immediately rebuilt on a larger scale than before, and is now the scene of busy activity. A small part of the product is exported, but the larger portion is sent to the large cities, such as New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Pittsburg.

Mr. Dexter is an active member of the Methodist Church,



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having long been Chairman of the Board of Stewards and President of the Trustees. He has always fostered the public school system, and has had a large influence in the improvement of the schools of his native village. Soon after his election as school trustee in 1892, he began an agitation of the plan of consolidation of school districts, on opposite sides of the river and in separate towns, and this was brought about in 1893. This was a stepping-stone toward the incorporation of the village, lying in two separate towns,

and largely through the influence of Mr. Dexter this was consummated. Believing that his business holds the most important demand upon his time, he avoids public office, but has served as water commissioner of the village. He is a successful business man and a well-wisher toward all the world.

Mr. Dexter was married 21 Jan., 1885, to Clara L. Tisdale, daughter of Rev. William and Eunice Louise (Morehouse) Tisdale, the latter now deceased. Mr. Tisdale is a member of the Central New York Methodist Conference, and has been stationed at various points in this section, according to the system of his church. He is of an old Canadian family, and one of his brothers has been many years a member of the Dominion Parliament, having formerly been a member of the Governor-General's Cabinet. Mrs. Tisdale was a daughter of Somers Morehouse, of Mexico, Oswego County, New York.

The children of Henry C. and Clara L. Dexter are:

- 1614 i Fanny Eunice⁹ Dexter, b. 10 June, 1887.
- 1615 ii William Charles⁹ Dexter, b. 18 March, 1891.
- 1616 iii Dorothy May⁹ Dexter, b. 11 Sept., 1895; d. 28 April, 1896.
- 1617 iv Marion Louise⁹ Dexter, b. 26 March, 1902.

1158

Charles Phineas⁸ Dexter, second son of Simeon⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Maria [Hardy] Dexter, was born 2 Sept., 1860, at Black River, and graduated from the Watertown High School in 1878. He taught school two years in Rutland and Leray, and in 1881 joined Charles Wolf in the purchase of the interest of David E. Dexter in the chair manufacturing business of Poor & Dexter. The business was then continued under the title of Poor, Dexter & Co., and Charles P. Dexter continued to be an owner, under various titles, until his death, 3 May, 1886. As above related, he became joint owner with his elder brother of the entire plant in 1884. He

possessed a rare capacity for business, and instituted systems of business management which are still in use by his successors. Like his father, he had a strong grasp of details, and would have attained a high position in the business world, without doubt, had his life continued to the allotted time. His close application to business undermined his health, and he began to shift some of his cares to his brother by 1883. During the summer of the following year he remained in a



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sanitarium at Dansville, N. Y., and in the autumn went to San Antonio, Texas. After remaining there a year, he went to the highest altitude on the Southern Pacific Railroad, at San Geronimo, Cal., where his life passed out on the date above named. He became a member of the Methodist Church early in life, and while in Texas affiliated with the Methodist Church South. He was small of stature, but great in soul and mind, and had a most cheerful disposition. Though he must have felt that death was near during

his last years, he never complained and kept up a happy frame of mind. Fond of anecdote, he was a capital storyteller, and aided much in the cheer of any society in which he was placed. His death was a loss to the business community and to the life of his native place, both social and material.

The following tribute was written by Professor W. K. Wickes, former principal of Watertown High School, and at present principal of the Syracuse (N. Y.) High School:

"Charles Dexter, or 'Charlie,' as he was familiarly called, was an interesting study to students of human nature. The writer knew him—knew him well—at that period of his life when his character was most rapidly forming and his mind was most active. Rarely are the 'elements' which go to make up a 'man' mixed in such strange proportions as in him; never have they better blended to form a manly character. No over-zealous critics, alert to find flaws in poor human nature, could truthfully tax this young man with the possession and exercise of a mean trait of character. On the contrary, friend and foe—if foe, indeed, he had—would acknowledge the existence in him, and that, too, in the most marked degree and unalloyed kind, of the best, most attractive traits of human nature. I know not how better to define his character than by saying that he was a young man of generous uprightness. And that, it seems to me, means much. For it implies that while he was good, he was not selfishly so, as some good men have, alas, been known to be. It means, moreover, that the generosity which was so characteristic of him was not simply the benevolent impulse of an unjudging heart, but was dominated and controlled by such thoughtful action of the mind as insured the morality and uprightness of that generosity. Indeed, the traits of this young man's mind were in a very true and real sense inseparable from those of his heart. How clear, keen and right judging the operations of his mind were! Who that ever saw and heard him in the fervor of debate will not say 'true' to this? And when the question was one in which both his feelings and his powers were interested, how admirable his argument;

and how perfectly unique his manner of illustration and expression.

“But this generous heart and clear mind were lodged in a slight physical frame-work, which early gave way to the fell power of disease. He died far from home and friends, and yet had so endeared himself to strangers that they tenderly proffered to him all aid in their power. It was little, however, that they could do. Yet, there can be no doubt that he was ‘sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust,’ and so realized, though far from home, the truth of that beautiful old saying, ‘The way to heaven is the same out of all places.’ ”



FANNY S. DEXTER.

1159

Fanny Sarah⁷ Dexter, daughter of Simon⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Maria [Hardy] Dexter, was born at Black River, N. Y., 4 Oct.,

1862, and died at Black River, 12 Feb., 1885. Her early life she spent at Black River, attending the local schools. In 1870, when her people moved to Watertown, she went with them and entered the city schools and graduated from the High School in 1881. After a year's rest she attended the Mount Holyoke Seminary one year. The remainder of her life she spent with her parents at Black River.

1162

Orrin B.^s Ramsey, son of Betsey⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Luther Ramsey of Orange, was born 24 May, 1848, and married Sarah E. Booth, 28 Nov., 1868.

Four children :

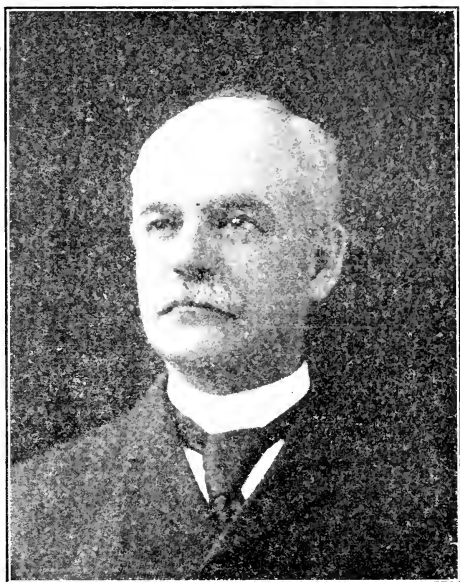
- 1618 i Mary Augusta⁹ Ramsey, b. 12 Nov., 1869.
- 1619 ii Lillian Jane⁹ Ramsey, b. 28 Aug., 1871.
- 1620 iii Orrin Walter⁹ Ramsey, b. 1 Nov., 1876.
- 1621 iv Maud Evelyn⁹ Ramsey, b. 6 Sept., 1887.

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Horace Hartwell⁸ Ramsey, son of Betsey⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter and Luther Ramsey, was born 25 June, 1857. He married Lillian Clark, 29 Feb., 1880, daughter of William S. and Pallas E. (Woodard) Clark. She was born 30 Sept., 1859. He was for a long time connected with his father in the undertaking business, and since his father's decease he has carried on the business alone.

Four children :

- 1622 i Camilla Ruth⁹ Ramsey, b. 20 Jan., 1884.
- 1623 ii Geneva Isadore⁹ Ramsey, b. 22 May, 1887.
- 1624 iii Allan Clark⁹ Ramsey, b. 24 March, 1890.
- 1625 iv Marion Olive⁹ Ramsey, b. 3 June, 1892.



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1165

Herman Francis⁸ Dexter, son of Samuel Stillman⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Maria C. [Dewey] Dexter, was born at Orange, Mass., 13 Oct., 1858. He was educated in the public schools of that town, graduating from the high school in 1877.

In 1878 he went to San Francisco, Cal., and entered the employ of Dewey & Co., publishers of the Mining and Scientific Press, and the Pacific Rural Press, where in time he became cashier and office manager, a position which

he has held continuously for many years. He is also secretary and one of the directors of the Dewey Publishing Co., a corporation organized in 1891, to succeed the firm of Dewey & Co.

He was married in San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 7th, 1884, to Ella B. Browning, a native of that city, and daughter of Jacob and Zernah Browning. He now (1905) resides in Alameda, Cal., a suburb of San Francisco, to which place he removed in 1889. In religion he is a Congregationalist, being a member of the First Congregational Church of Alameda, Cal. He has served continuously on the Board of Trustees of that church since 1891, and has been superintendent of the Sunday school during most of the same time.

Children :

- 1626 i Ruey⁹ Dexter, b. in San Francisco, Cal., 26 June, 1887.
- 1627 ii Browning Dewey⁹ Dexter, b. in San Francisco, Cal., 13 Dec., 1888.
- 1628 iii Philip Lee⁹ Dexter, b. in Alameda, Cal., 22 Feb., 1896.
- 1629 iv Harold⁹ Dexter, b. in Alameda, Cal., 9 Sept., 1897.

1166

Caroline Mary⁸ Dexter, daughter of Samuel Stillman⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Maria [Dewey] Dexter, was born 5 Sept., 1860. She married Martin W. Mayo.

Two children :

- 1650 i Ella Caroline⁹ Mayo, b. Sept., 1886.
- 1631 ii Helen⁹ Mayo, b. Nov., 1887; d. 1888.

1167

Edward Mansfield⁸ Dexter, son of Samuel Stillman⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Maria C. [Dewey] Dexter, was born at Orange, Mass.,

2 Oct., 1864. He was educated in the public schools, and graduated from the high school as valedictorian of the class of 1882. For a time he assisted his father in his work as a civil engineer. The succeeding two and one half years were passed in the employ of the New Home Sewing Machine Co. He was a carpet salesman in the dry goods store of M. E. Cowan for a year. In 1885 he went to Black River, N. Y., where for thirteen years he was manager bookkeeper for the H. C. Dexter Chair Co. In politics he is a loyal Republican, and at the time of the election of President McKinley to his first term of office, was President of the Republican Club. After the village of Black River was incorporated, he was elected village clerk, which office he held for several years. He married N. Gertrude Boyce, 18 July, 1888, at Orange, Mass. She was the daughter of Alarie and Amanda (Whitney) Boyce.

He moved in 1897 to Hartford, Conn., to take charge of the office of E. G. Whittelsey & Co., a wholesale house dealing in flour, butter, cheese, etc. He is now living in Hartford. He and his family are active members of the Fourth Congregational Church. He is much interested in its work, having been a deacon, and is now a trustee and first vice-president of its large chorus choir. He is faithful to every obligation. That he has the entire confidence and high esteem of his employers is evidenced by the trusted positions he has so long held.

One child:

- 1632 i Raymond Henry⁹ Dexter, b. at Black River, N. Y., 28 March, 1892.

1169

Maurice Lynde⁸ Dexter, son of Samuel Stillman⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Maria [Dewey] Dexter, was born 3 May, 1869, at Orange, Mass. On that morning the ground was covered with two or three inches of snow. Under the parlor window of the

house in which the subject of this sketch was born, there was a flower bed bordered with dwarf fleur-de-lis in bloom. The line of blue flowers and green-leaf points lay on the snow like a rift of sky in a summer cloud.

In his boyhood Mr. Dexter attended the graded and high schools of Orange, and assisted his father in his farm work, lumbering and civil engineering. During these early years, he acquired a practical knowledge in these lines of business which was of much use in later life.

After leaving school, he was employed for a time in the factory of the New Home Sewing Machine Co. He then engaged in business for himself as a farmer and milk dealer, also carrying on trade in wood and lumber.

Mr. Dexter is in religion a Congregationalist, and in politics a Republican. He also belongs to the society of Odd Fellows and has held the office of Treasurer of the local lodge for several years. He married Martha Stella Foskett in 1888. She was the daughter of a prosperous farmer. Four children born in Orange have come to bless the home, one of whom has passed on to the heavenly home, and so the snow storms and spring blossoms of life are mingling all the way.

Four children :

- 1633 i Albert Maurice⁹ Dexter, b. 6 June, 1889.
- 1634 ii Gladys Maria⁹ Dexter, b. 12 Feb., 1891.
- 1635 iii Roland Foskett⁹ Dexter, b. 18 May, 1893; d. in Orange, 4 Aug., 1895.
- 1636 iv Bernard Leon⁹ Dexter, b. 31 Oct., 1896.

1170

George Edward⁸ Dexter, son of George W.⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and F. Arvilla [Fry] Dexter, was born 26 Dec., 1857. He married Minnie Emmelin Graves, 24 Oct., 1878. She was born at Orange, 25 March, 1860.



GEORGE E. DEXTER.

Three children :

- 1637 i Arthur Job⁹ Dexter, b. 24 Jan., 1880; m. Annie Stewart, 14 Oct., 1900. Three children: Margaret, b. 16 Sept., 1901; Marion, b. 16 Sept., 1901; Davis, b. 28 Nov., 1903.
- 1638 ii George Augustus⁹ Dexter, b. 20 Jan., 1882.
- 1639 iii Lyna⁹ Dexter, b. 19 Nov., 1887.

1172

Herbert Eugene⁸ Dexter, son of George W.⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and F. Arvilla [Fry] Dexter, was born 9 Feb., 1865. He married Iva M. Dow, 27 Nov., 1884.

One child:

- 1640 i Edna May⁹ Dexter, b. 5 April, 1886; m. G. Harry Johnson, 31 Oct., 1903. One son: Ralph Edward Johnson, b. 4 June, 1904.

1174

Mary Lizzie^s Dexter, daughter of George W.⁷ [Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and F. Arvilla [Fry] Dexter, was born 19 Nov., 1869. She married Israel Newton, 19 Oct., 1892. She was secretary of the Dexter Family Reunion Association.

One child:

1641 i Grace May⁹ Newton, b. 7 July, 1893.

1176

Nelson Dexter^s Davis, son of Dexter⁷ [Lucy⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Emily [Holden] Davis, was born 20 Sept., 1829, at Orange, Mass. He married (1) Adelaide M. Wescott, 26 Oct., 1852. She was born 27 Sept., 1835, and died 23 Jan., 1863. He married (2) Julia E. Baker, 11 Feb., 1864. She was born 31 March, 1837, the daughter of Bennet and Abigail (Miller) Baker.

He came to Caton with his father in 1842, who located at the place called "Pail Factory place," in 1847. He went into the grocery business with his father, and continued until 1852, when he bought the farm of sixty-five acres where he now lives and where he was married. He added to it until now it contains two hundred and thirty-three acres. He follows general farming and makes a specialty of breeding horses. He belonged to the Methodist Church, and was chiefly responsible for the building of the new church in 1866. He has held several town offices.

Four children by first wife, two by second wife:

- 1642 i Horace D.⁹ Davis, b. 7 Jan., 1854; m. 18 April, 1875, Margaret Roe, dau. of Daniel B. and Margaret (Frauderhoff) Roe.
- 1643* ii Henry L.⁹ Davis, b. 20 Aug., 1856; d. 1900; m. Phebe M. White, 18 Jan., 1877; she died in 1901.

- 1644 iii Charles H.⁹ Davis, b. 4 Nov., 1858; d. 21 Aug., 1896.
- 1645 iv Edgar M.⁹ Davis, b. 24 Nov., 1860. Is a dentist in Waverley.
- 1646 v Louis B.⁹ Davis, b. 8 Oct., 1866; d. 7 Oct., 1867.
- 1647* vi Emma A.⁹ Davis, b. 8 June, 1868.

1179

Erastus Andrew⁸ Davis, son of Norris⁷ [Lucy⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Lucy Ann [Howard] Davis, was born 25 Nov., 1832. He married Mary T. Harrison, daughter of Jessie Harrison.

Six children:

- 1648 i Cornelius H.⁹ Davis, b. 26 July, 1857; m. Emma T. Showatter, 1880. Four children.
- 1649 ii Mary Addie⁹ Davis, b. 16 Nov., 1861; d. 11 April, 1870.
- 1650 iii Jennie Mary⁹ Davis, b. 19 Dec., 1863; d. 10 April, 1870.
- 1651 iv Nelson Norris⁹ Davis, b. 11 Aug., 1866; m. Margaret M. Hudson, 1889. Five children.
- 1652 v Willie⁹ Davis, b. 6 Dec., 1870; d. 15 Dec., 1870.
- 1653 vi Wilber W.⁹ Davis, b. 26 March, 1872; m. Clara A. Southard, 1893. One child.

1181

Cynthia Ann⁸ Davis, daughter of Norris⁷ [Lucy⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Lucy Ann [Howard] Davis, was born 4 July, 1837. She married Edward French, 4 July, 1860.

Six children:

- 1654 i Charles B.⁹ French, b. 30 June, 1862.
- 1655 ii Melvin L.⁹ French, b. 17 Oct., 1863.
- 1656 iii Clarence C.⁹ French, b. 4 March, 1866.
- 1657 iv Josephine A.⁹ French, 4 March, 1868.
- 1658 v Marcus⁹ French, b. 16 Sept., 1871.
- 1659 vi Ida M.⁹ French, 16 March, 1875.



ABBIE LOUISE (WARDEN) CARPENTER.

1186

Abbie Louise^{*} Warden, daughter of Narcissa⁷ [Lucy⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and John Warden, was born 7 Jan., 1840, at Worcester, Mass. She received her education in the public schools of that city, residing at home until 10 Oct., 1860, when she married Charles Hudson Carpenter. He was the son of Seba and Melinda Carpenter of Douglas. He was born 4 Oct., 1839. He came to Worcester when a boy and received his education in the public schools. He entered the employment of Henry O. Clark, in the fancy dry goods business. Later the business was conducted by Martin Stowe. He then entered the dry goods store of Josiah H. Clarke, where he remained a clerk until he entered the firm in 1882. In 1896 he with two others succeeded J. H. Clarke Co. under the firm name of Johnson, Carpenter & Co.

He early identified himself with the Methodist Church on Park Street, and when Grace Church was formed in 1870, he became one of the first Official Board of that church. He served



CHARLES H. CARPENTER.

continuously from then until 1899 as steward or trustee. He has been honored by nearly every office within the gift of the church and Sunday-school. He was one of the original members of the Y. M. C. A. He is a life member of Worcester County Mechanics Association, a member of Montacute Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, also a member of the Worcester Board of Trade. He is a Republican in politics. They had one daughter, Minniola Louisa⁹ Carpenter, born 6 July, 1865; d. 15 June, 1884. In 1890 they adopted a girl, and named her Lillian Gertrude Carpenter; she was born 17 Nov., 1886, and died 1904.

Mrs. Carpenter also took an active part in Grace Church, having held the office of President of the Ladies' Social Circle, District Secretary of the Missionary Society, President of the Foreign Missionary Society of that church.

Children:

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| 1660 | i Minniola Louisa ⁹ Carpenter, b. 6 July, 1865; d. 15 June, 1884. |
| 1661 | ii Lillian Gertrude ⁹ Carpenter (adopted), b. 17 Nov., 1886; d. 1904. |



MINNIOLA L. CARPENTER.
1865—1884.



LILLIAN G. CARPENTER.
1886—1904.



JOHN D. WARDEN
(Taken in 1880.)

1187

John Davis⁸ Warden, son of Narcissa⁷ [Lucy⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and John Warden, was born 3 Dec., 1844, at Worcester. He was educated in the public schools, and learned the machinist's trade. From 1867 to 1870 he was instructor in the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. From 1871-72 he was in the employ of the company that built the big bridge at St. Louis, Mo. From 1873-76 he was in the freestone business in Fall River, Mass., and 1877-84 in the crockery business with his brother in Worcester, Mass. In 1886 he returned to Fall River, where he remained many years, and acquired considerable real estate. He was a mechanical expert, and worked out several inventions. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and a Republican in politics. He married Sarah L. Nichols, 26 March, 1874. She was the daughter of Lafayette Nichols of Fall River.

Two children :

- 1662* i Frederick Albert⁹ Warden, b. 24 April, 1875; m. Emma B. Gerry, 4 Nov., 1896.
- 1663 ii Abbie Nichols⁹ Warden, b. 24 Feb., 1878.



W. A. WARDEN.

1188

William A.⁸ Warden, youngest son of Narcissa⁷ [Lucy⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] Davis and John Warden, was born 2 March, 1852, at Worcester, Mass., and was educated in the public schools of his native city. He left school, however, at the age of 16, and learned the cabinet-maker's trade. In 1872, at the age of 20, he went into the business of manufacturing picture frames, in company with George Nolen. This partnership lasted until 1877, when in company with his brother, John D. Warden, he opened a wholesale and retail crockery and glassware establishment under the firm name of Warden Bros. This business was sold out in 1884, when he went into the real estate business with Willis F. Phelps, the firm name being Warden & Phelps. This business was more congenial to his taste. The firm had under their control several large estates, in addition to doing a regular brokerage business, and in 1889 they added to their business the buying and developing large tracts of suburban property. In this they



ELLA M. (DUFFEE) WARDEN

were quite successful, and some of the beautiful suburbs of Worcester owe their origin to this firm. Scores of beautiful houses have been built by this firm, and sold to people desiring suburban homes.

Mr. Warden was often consulted in regard to value of real estate, and has acted as expert witness in many real estate cases in court. His services were often secured in appraising property for probate purposes, and in settling estates. He has acted as conveyancer in a great many cases. He held commission as justice of the peace, and notary public, under Governors Robinson, Ames, Brackett, Russell, Greenhalge, Wolcott, Crane, Bates and Douglas.

In politics he was always a Republican, and took an active interest in all such matters. He was a member of the ward and city committee of that party for many years, and was inspector of election several terms. He was interested in the no-license campaign, and was treasurer of both city and county committees. His interest in politics led him to attend as a visitor the great national conventions of the Republican party at Chicago, in 1888, and at Minneapolis.

in 1892. He joined the Sunday-school of the Park Street M. E. Church in 1857, and when that church was sold in 1870, he went with the rest to Trinity M. E. Church, and became Secretary and assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school. He joined the church in 1877, and was an active member of all the young people's societies. He was President of the Literary Society, a member of the Official Board of the church for many years, holding office as steward and trustee. He was on the Finance Committee, assistant treasurer, member of the Pulpit Supply and Church Repair Committee. In 1896, when the church was repaired and redecorated, he was chairman of the Decorating Committee. He also had charge of extensive repairs of church in 1905. He twice represented his church at the Lay Electoral Conference, and in 1900 was elected a reserve delegate to the General Conference of the M. E. Church, held at Chicago, Ill. He attended the conference, but was not seated, as his principal was in attendance. He was Secretary for several years of the Worcester M. E. City Mission and Church Extension Society. He was Secretary of the Twentieth Century Thank-Offering commissions from 1899-1901, under whose auspices the church debt of Trinity Church was raised, and was a member of the committee that arranged for the celebration of that event. When the religious census of the city of Worcester was taken in 1903, he was a member of the Executive Committee and formulated the plan which was adopted in dividing the city into districts, and in tabulating the returns, whereby the record of 112,000 people was gathered in five hours. He was connected with the Knights of Pythias and Knights of Malta, a member of Montacute Lodge of Free Masons, Eureka Chapter, Hiram Council, and Worcester County Commandery of Knights Templars. For four years he was Secretary of the Masonic Mutual Relief Association of Central Massachusetts. He was a director of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Mr. Warden spent a large part of his winters for many years in traveling in the South and California, and in visiting all parts of our country and Canada. He was interested in



W. VINCENT WARDEN.

1883—1894.

genealogical research, and has compiled the records of several families. He married Ella Maria Durfee, April 1876. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Betsey C. Durfee, of Fall River. She was born 23 April, 1854, at Fall River.

Four children :

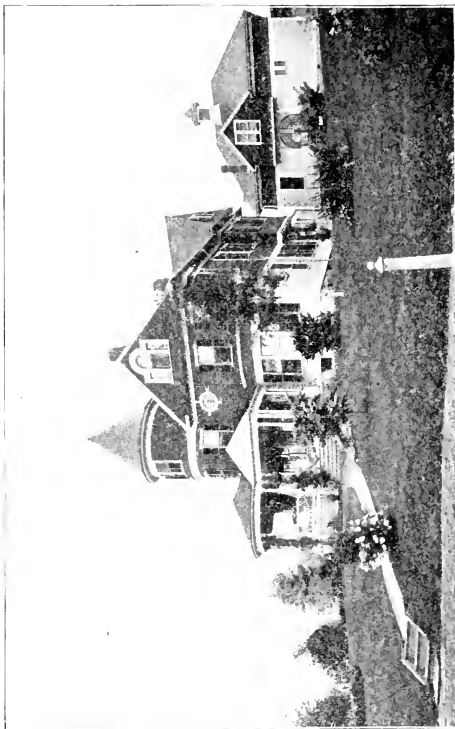
- 1664* i Florence Durfee^o Warden, b. 30 Dec., 1876; m. Miles W. Tabor, 16 June, 1903.
- 1665 ii William Vincent^o Warden, b. 2 Nov., 1883; d. at Victoria, B. C., 12 May, 1894; buried at Worcester, Mass.
- 1666 iii Charles Franklin^o Warden, b. 11 Dec., 1886.
- 1667 iv John Emerson^o Warden, b. 25 Sept., 1897.



CHARLES FRANKLIN WARDEN.



J. EMERSON WARDEN.



RESIDENCE OF WILLIAM A. WARDEN.

1189

Edwin F.^s Davis, son of Daniel⁷ [Lucy⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Ruth [Bates] Davis, was born 28 May, 1846. He married Jennie M. Dow of Corning in 1870. About the time he became of age, he spent some time in Massachusetts, and then was in the milling business in Pennsylvania for one or two years. He also followed the carpenter's trade about ten years, in Fall Brook shops. He then followed photography about three years at Corning, N. Y., and at that time had the telephone exchange in his gallery, by which he became interested in electricity. He was afterwards with the Edison Electric Co. during the New Orleans Exposition and continued with them for several years, after which he went with the Westinghouse Co. He worked for them about three years contracting and establishing plants all over the country. He put in the electrical plant for the three state prisons in New York, and has since had charge of them.

Two children:

- 1668 i Maud Alfredine^a Davis, b. 13 Dec., 1875; m. Philip Whitlock, 17 Oct., 1900. One son: Richard Alfred Whitlock, b. 22 Oct., 1901.
- 1669 ii Ruth J.^a Davis, b. 31 Dec., 1882.

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Lucy E.^s Davis, daughter of Daniel⁷ [Lucy⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Ruth [Bates] Davis, was born 20 May, 1850, at Caton, N. Y. She married (1) John C. White, 20 Feb., 1870; he died 7 Oct., 1872; (2) Harvey Wood, 6 Feb., 1878; he died 23 Oct., 1898. She then went back to the home of her parents and assisted them caring for her father in his last sickness, and after his decease, taking care of her mother during her long illness.



LUCY E. (DAVIS) WOOD

One child by first husband:

1670 i Effie Davis^o White, b. 10 Dec., 1870.

1191

Mary E.^s Davis, daughter of Daniel⁷ [Lucy⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Ruth [Bates] Davis, was born 11 Nov., 1852. She married Frank H. Dow, 15 Sept., 1875. They lived on their farm near the Davis homestead at Caton, N. Y. Mr. Dow takes an active interest in the work of the Grange.

Two children:

1671 i Harry S.^o Dow, b. 9 Aug., 1878.

1671A ii Jessie Ruth^o Dow, b. 13 May, 1885.

1192

Henry D.^s Barber, son of Lucy A.⁷ [Lucy⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Reuel Barber, was born 13 Oct., 1841, at Worcester, Mass. He was educated at the public schools of the city and at Wilbraham Academy. He was employed in the office of the Register of Deeds at the Court House. In 1861 he enlisted as a private



HENRY D. BARBER.

in the 31st Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, and was mustered out of service as a First Lieutenant at Mobile, Alabama, in September, 1865. During a portion of his service, he was on the staff of Brevet Major General Thomas J. Lucas of Indiana.

Mr. Barber was for many years treasurer of the Maynard-Gough Co., printers, of Worcester, Mass. He was a member of Grace M. E. Church, and afterwards transferred his membership to Trinity M. E. Church. He was a class leader and

Sunday-school superintendent in both Grace and Trinity churches. He was many years a teacher in the Sunday-school, and at one time was President of the Y. M. C. A. of Worcester. He married Hephzibah^s Dexter, 10 June, 1867. She was the daughter of Amasa^s Dexter of Orange.

One child:

- 1672 i Harry Reuel^s Barber, b. 6 Sept., 1872.

1193

Georgianna^s Davis, daughter of Sylvester^s [Lucy^s, Benjamin^s, Samuel^s, Benjamin^s, William^s, Thomas^s Dexter] and Catherine [Johnson] Davis, was born 2 June, 1846. She married Albert Rice of Barre. He was a shoe manufacturer.

Two children:

- 1673 i Marion D.^s Rice, b. ———; m. (1) Julian Cleveland; (2) George Pratt. Two children: Willie, Florence.
1674 ii John Sylvester^s Rice, b. ———; m. Eva ———.

1194

Alfradina^s Davis, daughter of Sylvester^s [Lucy^s, Benjamin^s, Samuel^s, Benjamin^s, William^s, Thomas^s Dexter] and Catherine [Johnson] Davis, was born 6 Oct., 1849, at Orange, where she spent her early childhood. She taught school at Orange and Hubbardston, in Massachusetts, and at Caton in New York. She married James Gray, and moved with him to California, where they settled upon a large ranch near Hollister, Santa Clara Co.

Three children:

- 1675 i Robert^s Gray, b. 2 Jan., 1879.
1676 ii Catherine^s Gray, b. 10 March, 1883.
1677 iii Alfradina^s Gray, b. 6 Nov., 1886.

1195

Harriet Elizabeth⁷ Davis, daughter of Sylvester⁷ [Lucy⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Catherine [Johnson] Davis, was born 16 Jan., 1851. Her early life was spent on a farm at Orange, Mass. She married Joseph Sargent, 9 May, 1871. He was a marble worker, carrying on a monumental business in Barre, afterwards in Gardner, Mass.

Three children:

- 1678 i William Philbrick⁸ Sargent, b. 21 Nov., 1872; m. Jennie Frances Andrews, 13 Aug., 1897. Two children: Marguerite E. Sargent, b. 27 Dec., 1898; Francis William Sargent, b. 20 Jan., 1902.
- 1679 ii Sylvester Davis⁸ Sargent, b. 10 July, 1876.
- 1681 iii Catherine Elizabeth⁸ Sargent, b. 25 April, 1880; m. Arthur Francis O'Mally, Aug., 1902.

1196

Jennie Etta⁸ Davis, daughter of Sylvester⁷ [Lucy⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Catherine [Johnson] Davis, was born 14 March, 1854. She married Edward Everett Washburn, 14 March, 1872. She lived on a farm until her marriage, when they moved to Orange, where her husband was connected with the stove business.

One child:

- 1682 i Water Everett⁸ Washburn, b. 25 Jan., 1883.

1197

Sabrina⁸ Walker, daughter of Phebe⁷ [Phebe⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Willard Walker, was born 10 March, 1829. She married Amos M. Lamb of Worcester in 1850.

Five children :

- 1683 i Henry Willard^o Lamb, b. 30 March, 1852.
- 1684 ii Phebe Duella^o Lamb, b. at Royalston.
- 1685 iii Edgar^o Lamb, b. Orange.
- 1686 iv Edward^o Lamb, b. —.
- 1687 v Walter^o Lamb, b. Royalston.

1198

Delina^s Walker, daughter of Phebe^t [Phebe^o, Benjamin^o, Samuel^l, Benjamin^o, William^o, Thomas^l Dexter] and Willard Walker, was born 31 Jan., 1831. She married M. M. Lamb.

Eight children :

- 1688 i Bronson P.^o Lamb, b. —.
- 1689 ii Howard P.^o Lamb, b. —.
- 1690 iii Flora D.^o Lamb, b. 1856.
- 1691 iv William Judson^o Lamb, b. 5 May, 1860.
- 1692 v John M.^o Lamb, b. Jan., 1862.
- 1693 vi Hattie S.^o Lamb, b. —.
- 1694 vii Mary B.^o Lamb, b. —.
- 1695 viii Lillie Bell^o Lamb, b. 18 Feb., 1876.

1199

Harriet^s Walker, daughter of Phebe^t [Phebe^o, Benjamin^o, Samuel^l, Benjamin^o, William^o, Thomas^l Dexter] and Willard Walker, was born 30 Dec., 1833. She married George S. Stearns of Warwick.

Two children :

- 1696 i Nellie Etta^o Stearns, b. 5 Aug., 1860; d. 1 March, 1891.
- 1697 ii Minnie E. L.^o Stearns, b. Sept., 1867.

1202

Abijah^s French, son of Priscilla^t [Phebe^o, Benjamin^o, Samuel^l, Benjamin^o, William^o, Thomas^l Dexter] and Richard French, was born 22 Nov., 1829. He married Mary Jane Chase of Athol, Mass. He died in 1884.

Three children :

- 1698 i Adaline B.² French, b. 20 Dec., 1852; d. 1 Aug., 1854.
- 1699 ii Etta Lois² French, b. 16 June, 1858; d. 19 Sept., 1859.
- 1700 iii Bertha Belle² French, b. 3 Aug., 1866; d. 20 Oct., 1882.

1206

Maria² French, daughter of Priscilla⁷ [Phebe⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Richard French, was born 15 Dec., 1839. She married Orin Trow Lane, 1 April, 1861. He was the son of Daniel W. Lane of Hardwick.

Five children :

- 1701 i Lizzie Minnette² Lane, b. 1862; d. 1863.
- 1702 ii May Ann² Lane, b. 1865; d. 1885.
- 1703 iii Carrie Augusta² Lane, b. 1871; m. ——— Howland. Three children.
- 1704 iv Charles Elliott² Lane, b. 1875.
- 1705 v Bertha Alma² Lane, b. 1879.

1207

Charles H.² French, son of Priscilla⁷ [Phebe⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Richard French, was born at Orange, 9 Nov., 1846. He married (1) Carrie M. Haskell, 1 Jan., 1868; she was the adopted daughter of M. Haskell of New Salem. She was born 1 Jan., 1847, and died 23 Oct., 1872. He married (2) Ellen Elizabeth Cheney, 11 Jan., 1878; she was the daughter of Damon and Elizabeth Cheney of Warwick; she was born in 1857.

One child by first wife, five by second wife :

- 1706 i Angie M.² French, b. 1871; m. Horace E. Newell, 15 March, 1890. He died suddenly at Clinton, Me., Nov., 1893. One son: Horace Edgar Newell, b. March, 1894. She m. (2) Fred Nichols.

- 1707 ii Alice^o French, b. 27 Nov., 1878; m. Edmund Mayo, D.D.S.,
June, 1903.
- 1708 iii Belle^o French, b. 1883.
- 1709 iv Richard C.^o French, b. 1888.
- 1710 v Lambert R.^o French, b. 1889; d. 1891.
- 1711 vi Dorothy^o French, b. 1896.

1212

George W.^s Whitney, son of Susan⁷ (Phebe⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter[—] Thurston[—] and Ira Whitney, was born 3 May, 1833, at Orange, Mass. He married Aburh King, 1857.

Five children:

- 1712 i Eva C.^o Whitney, b. in Pittsfield, Ohio, 6 Dec., 1860.
- 1713 ii Allison G.^o Whitney, b. ———; d. in infancy.
- 1714 iii Mamie G.^o Whitney, b. in Oberlin, Ohio, 8 Aug., 1865.
- 1715 iv Frank^o Whitney, b. 15 April, 1868.
- 1716 v Eddie S.^o Whitney, b. 25 Jan., 1873.

1213

Nathan H.^s Whitney, son of Susan⁷ (Phebe⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter[—] Thurston[—] and Ira Whitney, was born 9 Feb., 1835. He married Henrietta Tucker, 25 Jan., 1863, in Camden, Ohio. She was born 25 Jan., 1835.

Three children:

- 1717 i Sullivan^o Whitney, b. ———; d. in Pittsfield, Ohio.
- 1718 ii Willie^o Whitney, b. 10 Oct., 1868.
- 1719 iii Mand E.^o Whitney, b. 21 Feb., 1872.

1214

Levi J.^s Whitney, son of Susan⁷ (Phebe⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter[—] Thurston[—] and Ira Whitney, was born 1 Nov., 1836. He married Mary W. Whitney.

Three children :

- 1720 i Francis G.^o Whitney, b. —; d. in infancy.
- 1721 ii Charles W.^o Whitney, b. in Oberlin Ohio.
- 1722 iii Florence^a Whitney, b. in Oberlin, Ohio, 31 May, 1872.

1216

Mira M.^s Whitney, daughter of Susan⁷ [Phebe⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] [Thurston] and Ira Whitney, was born 19 June, 1842. She married Henry West, 1864; he was born Aug., 1842.

Three children :

- 1723 i Charles S.^o West, b. 29 May, 1865.
- 1724 ii Louis T.^o West, b. in Oberlin, Ohio, 17 March, 1867.
- 1725 iii Hattie A.^o West, b. in Oberlin, Ohio, 25 Feb., 1870.

1222

John Levi^s Ball, son of Levi Thurston⁷ [Phebe⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] Ball and Almira [Adams] Ball, was born —. He married Endora Fowle.

Two children :

- 1726 i John Alfred^o Ball, b. —.
- 1727 ii Endora Adaline^a Ball, b. —.

1223

Joseph Elijah^s Ball, son of Levi Thurston⁷ [Phebe⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] Ball and Almira Ball, was born 1811. He married Blanch A. Cook.

Two children :

- 1728 i Laura Almira^a Ball, b. —.
- 1729 ii Ralph Alphonso^o Ball, b. —.

1226

Albert H.^s Ball, son of Hyder Alley⁷ [Phebe⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] Ball and Frances E. W. [Johnson¹] Ball, was born ——. He married Alice E. Hill.

Four children:

- 1730 i Fay Hill^a Ball, b. —; m. Bertha Griggs.
- 1731 ii Ida May^a Ball, b. —; m. James S. Griffin. One child: George Truman Griffin.
- 1732 iii Alez Hayden^a Ball, b. —.
- 1733 iv Ruby Josephine^a Ball, b. —.

1239

Sarah Elizabeth^s Hall, daughter of Joanna¹ [Phebe⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Houghton Hall, was born 6 May, 1852, at Troy, N. Y., and died 17 April, 1897, at Hardwick. She married Alfred C. King of Hardwick, 1 Oct., 1873, at Greenwich Village, Mass.

Five children:

- 1734 i John Houghton^a King, b. in Hardwick, 3 July, 1874; m. 6 Jan., 1903, Mrs. Hattie J. Rollins of Saco, Me. One son: Charles Herman King, b. 23 Jan., 1904. They reside at Greenwich Village, Mass.
- 1735 ii Arthur Willard^a King, b. in Greenwich, Mass., 2 Oct., 1889. He lives in Worcester.
- 1736 iii Walter Austin^a King, b. in Greenwich, Mass., 10 Sept., 1882; m. 10 June, 1903, Winifred W. Gray of New Braintree, Mass. One son: Austin William King, b. 31 March, 1901. They live in Springfield, Mass.
- 1737 iv Sarah Mabel^a King, b. in Greenwich, Mass., 31 March, 1884.
- 1738 v Louis Earl^a King, b. in Greenwich, Mass., 9 June, 1886. Now resides in Boston, Mass.

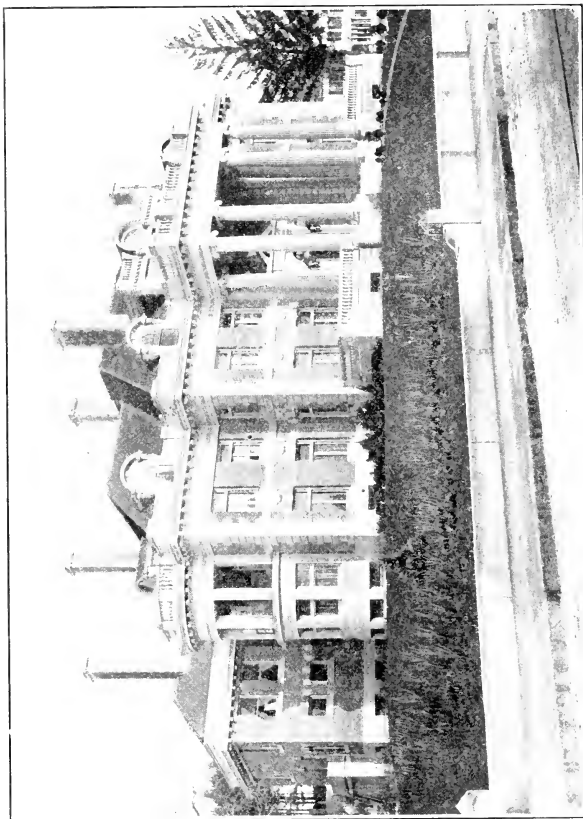


JOHN W. WHEELER.

1244

John Wilson⁶ Wheeler, son of Wilson⁷ [Betsey⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Catharine H. [Warden] Wheeler, of Orange, was born at Orange, 20 Nov., 1832. His early educational advantages were limited to those afforded by the common schools, which were open about two months in the winter and kept by men poorly paid and often poorly qualified for their work, and by a few terms at Mr. B. W. Fay's school. But he made good use of his opportunities, and became well fitted for the large school

of practical affairs in which he has taken conspicuous rank. Much of his early life was passed as a farmer and carpenter and, though being compelled to accept these positions, neither of them was congenial to him. Yet until a better opportunity offered, he worked uncomplainingly, but with the determination to change his vocation at the earliest practical moment. In 1855 he entered the grocery store of Joseph Baldwin of Fitchburg, where he worked for \$125 a year and board. His eminent business ability, which has shown itself in later years, began to show itself in his new occupation, and he rapidly rose in the appreciation of his employer. He stayed here one year, and although offered more salary, he returned to his native town and entered the general store of Daniel Pomeroy, where he remained three years. In 1859 he succeeded Mr. Pomeroy in the business, which he conducted through the next three years as sole proprietor. During this time, although the financial results had not been large, he had succeeded in establishing a reputation as a business man of ability and integrity, and with the financial assistance of D. E. Cheney and R. E. Carpenter, he was enabled to purchase the grocery store of A. J. Clark. These gentlemen loaned him \$2,000 on his own security. He entered upon his new venture with that determination which has since been so clearly shown in his business enterprises, and conducted it with marked success until 1867, when he became a member of the firm of A. F. Johnson & Co., who had recently started, in a small way, the manufacture of sewing machines in Orange. This new enterprise on a wider plan at once afforded him a full scope for his marvelous energy and ability, and there was need of all his resources. His cool and careful judgment was a most necessary adjunct at that experimental stage of the sewing machine business. The product was small, and the trouble about patents was constantly claiming attention, and it required the finest skill and judgment to successfully carry the business through this trying period. The style of machine was several times changed and finally the firm itself was changed to a corporation, bearing the name Gold Medal Sewing Machine Co., and Mr. Wheeler became secretary and

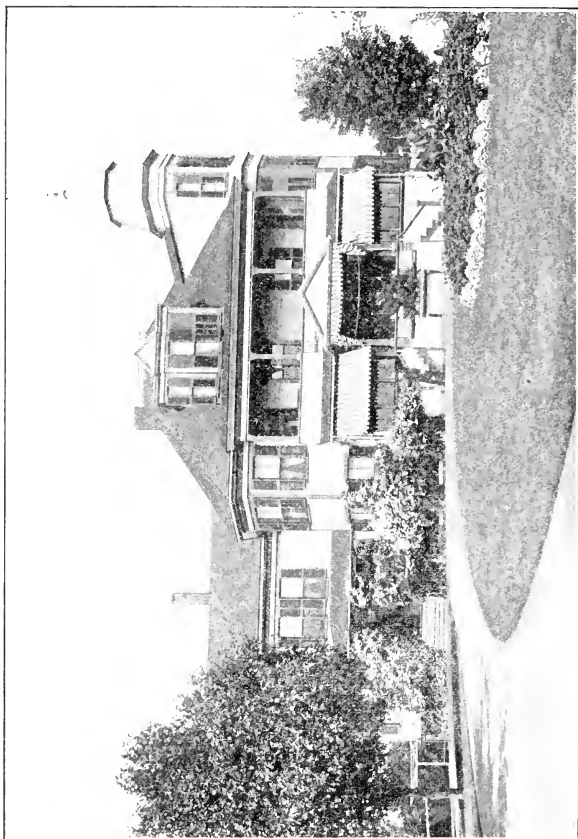


TOWN RESIDENCE OF JOHN W. WHEELER

treasurer. It continued under this management until 1882, when its name was changed to New Home Sewing Machine Co., and Mr. Wheeler became the Vice-president and Treasurer; in 1898 was elected President as well as Treasurer, and from the beginning he has been the financial manager of the entire industry, whether firm or corporation. When the business started they employed about forty men. The business has rapidly increased until now the establishment employs in the machine and needle department about seven hundred and fifty people, and the daily capacity amounts to nearly five hundred machines and fifty thousand needles. This institution justly ranks among the leading and representative industries of western Massachusetts. Mr. Wheeler has not only been the active head and manager of this large corporation, the duties and details of which are very exacting, but he has also found time to interest himself in every movement tending to advance the interests of Orange. He is President of the Orange National Bank; Leavitt Machine Co.; Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co.; Oregon Securities Co., head office in New York; a director of the Athol & Orange Street Railroad, and trustee in the Orange Savings Bank. Mr. Wheeler married Almira E. Johnson, 9 Oct., 1856; she was the daughter of Daniel and Almira (Porter) Johnson of North Orange.

Mr. Wheeler is a social and genial man prominently identified with the Masonic fraternity. He was one of the founders of the Orange Lodge, was its first Secretary, and afterwards its Treasurer. He is a member of Crescent Royal Arch Chapter, and for several years its Treasurer, and he is also a member of the Orange Commandery of Knights Templars.

Politically, Mr. Wheeler is a Republican, and has ever taken an earnest and active interest in the success of his party. He has held various positions, always discharging his duties with honor to himself and satisfaction to his fellow townsmen. He was town clerk of Orange from 1861 to 1867. In 1864 he was appointed a justice of the peace by Governor Andrew. He was selectman in 1866. In 1876 he represented the First Franklin District in the Legislature, serv-



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ing upon the Finance Committee. In 1888 he was a delegate from the Eleventh District to the National Republican Convention at Chicago which nominated Harrison and Morton. He was alternate delegate to the National Republican Convention in 1904 which nominated Roosevelt and Fairbanks, and at the election the same year was elected by a large majority as a member of the Governor's Council for 1905, and the following year was re-elected to the same honorable position.

Mr. Wheeler also takes a decided interest in agricultural affairs, and is owner of a beautiful farm near Orange village, called "Grand View." He is a breeder of fine horses and cattle and a lover of good stock generally. In 1891 he was president of the Worcester Agricultural and Mechanical Society of Athol, and in the annual report a high tribute was paid to him for the enthusiasm and interest he manifested in the success of the society. Mr. Wheeler is strongly attached to his native town, and although having traveled extensively throughout our country, he always returns to Orange with increased love for the beautiful town and its people.

The secret of Mr. Wheeler's success is due to his tireless industry, to his promptness, that never failed to meet every financial obligation, however trivial or however large; to his remarkable personal attention to details and to a probity and courage, tempered with caution, which have made him sagacious and successful in a remarkable degree. Cautious and shrewd, a business man of the highest integrity and signal ability, rich in experience, large hearted, of great energy, faithful in all his relations, above fear and beyond reproach.

—such are the qualities which have placed Mr. Wheeler in the proud position he occupies among the citizens of Franklin County.

- 1739 i Marion L.² Wheeler, b. 31 May, 1857; m. 1. John B. Welch;
(2) Everett Swan.
1740 ii Clara Jane² Wheeler, b. 8 June, 1860; d. 31 Aug., 1860.
1741 iii Rosa A.² Wheeler, b. 11 Oct., 1861; d. 1863.
Percy G. Wheeler,
Perley J. Wheeler.

1245

Sarah Warden⁷ Wheeler, daughter of Wilson⁷ [Betsey⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Catherine H. [Warden] Wheeler, was born 23 Nov., 1834. She married Charles Barber of Orange, 10 Feb., 1858. He was a wheelwright. He was born 12 June, 1834, and died 28 July, 1899.

Four children:

- 1742* i Charles Herbert⁹ Barber, b. 8 May, 1860.
- 1743 ii Ernest Timothy⁹ Barber, b. 22 March, 1865; d. 14 May, 1869.
- 1744 iii James Arthur⁹ Barber, b. 1 May, 1870; d. 1895; m. Margaret E. Jones of New Rockland, Can.
- 1745 iv Alice Jane⁹ Barber, b. 1 May, 1870; m. Herbert Kent of Rochester, Vt. Two children: Minnie Barber Kent, b. 2 April, 1889; Vera Alice Kent, b. 9 Nov., 1893.

1246

Erastus Otis⁷ Wheeler, son of Wilson⁷ [Betsey⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Catherine H. [Warden] Wheeler, was born 27 Oct., 1836.

Five children:

- 1746 i Clara Abna⁹ Wheeler, b. 19 Jan., 1862.
- 1747 ii Abbie Gertrude⁹ Wheeler, b. in Northfield, 8 May, 1864; m. 5 Sept., 1884, Walter P. Maynard of Keene, N. H. Five children.
- 1748 iii Arthur Otis⁹ Wheeler, b. in Northfield, 18 Nov., 1866; m. 23 Jan., 1889, Mary Ella Doyle. Two children.
- 1749 iv Hattie Warden⁹ Wheeler, b. 27 July, 1872; m. William Leon Chamberlain of Farley, Mass., 1 June, 1892. One child.
- 1750 v Herbert Wilson⁹ Wheeler, b. 27 July, 1872; m. Ellen Bertha Leonard of Greenfield, 1 March, 1898. Two children.

1248

Frances Dexter^w Wheeler, daughter of Wilson^r [Betsey^d, Benjamin^s, Samuel^d, Benjamin^s, William^d, Thomas^r Dexter] and Catherine H. [Warden] Wheeler, was born 28 June, 1840. She married Augustus Fry at Orange, 28 June, 1860; he was born in Jaffrey, N. H., 12 Nov., 1836. He is in the employ of the New Home Sewing Machine Co.

Two children:

- 1751 i George Wilson^r Fry, b. at Meriden, Ct., 19 March, 1863; m. Ida Sophia Hastings of South Deerfield, 25 Sept., 1885. One son: Winthrop Hastings Fry, b. 6 July, 1886.
- 1752 ii Lizzie Adeline^d Fry, b. at Orange, 19 May, 1871; m. Frank L. Waters of Orange, 11 Aug., 1897. Two children: Roderick Fry Waters, b. 2 May, 1901; Kenneth Horatio Waters, b. 20 Aug., 1902.

1249

Eliza Ann^w Wheeler, daughter of Wilson^r [Betsey^d, Benjamin^s, Samuel^d, Benjamin^s, William^d, Thomas^r Dexter] and Catherine H. [Warden] Wheeler, was born at Orange, 16 June, 1842. She married Otis J. Stockwell, 7 July, 1868. He was born in Athol, 26 Sept., 1844, and was the son of Sylvester and Polly (Fay) Stockwell of Athol. His father was in the sash and blind business in Athol for years, until he lost his shop by fire. He then did all the teaming for the shops in the lower village for many years. He died in 1890. His grandfather was Josiah Stockwell, who was born in Phillips-ton, Mass., near Prospect hill. He was one of the old-time stage proprietors, and ran the stage line from Worcester, Mass., to Winchester, N. H. Genery Twichell commenced his career as a stage driver, in the employ of Mr. Stockwell.

Otis J. was a clerk for two years in the store of S. E. Fay, and for five years in the dry goods and clothing store of Thorp & Sloan. He then went into business for himself in a store upon Main Street. His wife also carried on the mil-

linery business on Main Street. They purchased the property where the store was located in 1869. They now live near the Athol line in Orange, and Mr. Stockwell has charge of the park which is located near by. They belong to the Methodist Church, Mr. Stockwell being a trustee of the local church.

Five children:

- 1753 i Fred O.³ Stockwell, b. at Athol, 16 May, 1869; m. Emma E. Newton, 26 April, 1895. Two children; Alton V. Stockwell, b. 22 June, 1896; Doris E. Stockwell, b. —.
- 1754 ii Harry L.³ Stockwell, b. at Athol, 9 March, 1872; m. Maggie B. Sweeney, 28 Aug., 1895.
- 1755 iii Maria A.³ Stockwell, b. at Athol, 4 Feb., 1874.
- 1756 iv Ethel C.³ Stockwell, b. at Athol, 5 Feb., 1879.
- 1757 v Chellis W.³ Stockwell, b. at Athol, 7 July, 1886.

1250

Evelena Jane^s Wheeler, daughter of Wilson⁷ [Betsey⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Catherine H. [Warden] Wheeler, was born 20 Aug., 1843. She married Charles H. Barton, 18 Oct., 1865.

Three children, two of whom died in infancy:

- 1758 i Alice M.³ Barton, b. 12 March, 1867; m. W. W. Whitney, 22 Oct., 1889. Six children; Lena Barton Whitney, b. 4 Sept., 1890; Bertha Whitney, b. 30 Dec., 1891; Alice W. Whitney, b. 19 March, 1893; Helen L. Whitney, b. 13 Sept., 1895; Marion E. Whitney, b. 31 Dec., 1900; Charles Willis Whitney, b. 8 Nov., 1902.

1253

Sarah Maria^s Poland, daughter of Betsey⁷ [Betsey⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Simon B. Poland, was born 1 July, 1832, at Winchendon, Mass., and died 17 March, 1879. She married Anson G. Liver-

more, 2 April, 1857. Mr. Livermore married (2) Elizabeth B. Taft, 25 Feb., 1880; she was born 20 March, 1843.

Two children:

- 1759 i Charles Anson² Livermore, b. 17 April, 1858; d. 15 March, 1883.
- 1760 ii Ida Maria² Livermore, b. 2 Feb., 1861.

1254

Mary Elizabeth² Poland, daughter of Betsey² [Betsey², Benjamin², Samuel¹, Benjamin¹, William², Thomas¹ Dexter and Simon Poland, was born 3 Feb., 1834, at Winchendon, Mass. She married Charles P. Streeter, of Fitzwilliam, N. H., 24 Nov., 1863; he was born 11 July, 1836, and died at Millbury Mass., 25 Jan., 1898.

Two children:

- 1761 i Edith R.² Streeter, b. at Winchendon, 22 Jan., 1867; m. Gustav Albert Nendeck, 12 Nov., 1892; he was b. in New York city, 1 March, 1866.
- 1762 ii Lilla May² Streeter, b. at Winchendon, 31 May, 1869.

1255

Charles Townsend² Poland, son of Betsey² [Betsey², Benjamin², Samuel¹, Benjamin¹, William², Thomas¹ Dexter and Simon Poland, was born 11 Feb., 1836, at Winchendon, Mass. He married Eliza B. Mee, 17 June, 1860; she was born in England, 13 Jan., 1840, and died 10 May, 1904.

Six children:

- 1763 i Elmer E.² Poland, b. at Millbury, 20 Nov., 1861.
- 1764 ii Carrie M.² Poland, b. at Holden, 18 July, 1863; m. Edward F. Peters, 20 Sept., 1885. Two children: Irving Lewis Peters, b. 31 May, 1887; Mabel Bessie Peters, b. 7 Sept., 1891.
- 1765 iii Jeanette A.² Poland, b. at Holden, 11 Aug., 1864.
- 1766 iv Edith M.² Poland, b. at Millbury, 25 Aug., 1866; d. at Winchendon, 15 Nov., 1870.

- 1767 v Arthur A.^d Poland, b. at Providence, R. I., 29 May, 1871; m.
Bessie M. Kimball, 10 Aug., 1898.
1768 vi Walter A.^d Poland, b. at Worcester, Mass., 25 April, 1884.

1256

Julia Augusta^s Poland, daughter of Betsey⁷ [Betsey⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Simon Poland, was born 16 Nov., 1838, at Winchendon, Mass. She married Samuel T. Aldrich of Northbridge, Mass., 2 Aug., 1865; he was born 21 Dec., 1843, and died 15 Oct., 1873.

Two children:

- 1769 i Lyman P.^d Aldrich, b. at Upton, Mass., 7 March, 1868; d. at Westboro, 30 Sept., 1897.
1770 ii Addison S.^d Aldrich, b. at Northbridge, Mass., 14 Oct., 1879; m. Ethelyn L. Nelson, 24 June, 1903.

1257

Ellen Gracia^s Poland, daughter of Betsey⁷ [Betsey⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Simon Poland, was born 24 Nov., 1840, at Winchendon, Mass. She married Alvah J. Rice, 27 Jan., 1869; he was born in Sutton, Mass., 30 June, 1841.

Three children, born at Millbury, Mass.:

- 1771 i Florence A.^d Rice, b. 18 July, 1872; d. 24 Nov., 1880.
1772 ii Irving A.^d Rice, b. 7 June, 1878; d. 11 Dec., 1880.
1773 iii Floyd A.^d Rice, b. 12 Dec., 1881; m. Ella A. Drew, 18 Feb., 1905.

1258

Emma Olive^s Poland, daughter of Betsey⁷ [Betsey⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Simon Poland, was born 7 Oct., 1842, at Winchendon, Mass. She married Silas G. Wood, of Dudley, Mass., 13 Feb., 1868; he was born 4 May, 1835, at Dudley, and died 19 May, 1902, at Hopedale.

Three children:

- 1774 i Ernest W.¹ Wood, b. at Pawtucket, R. I., 21 April, 1876; m. Jennie M. Daniels, 22 June, 1898; she was born at Harttong, Ct., 19 May, 1875.
- 1775 ii Everett S.¹ Wood, b. at Pawtucket, R. I., 27 Sept., 1878; m. Ella Maria Howes, 6 Oct., 1903; she was born at North Dennis, Mass., 5 Dec., 1882.
- 1776 iii Herbert P.¹ Wood, b. at South Attleboro, Mass., 12 Aug., 1880.

1259

Martin L.¹ Poland, son of Betsey⁵ (Betsey⁴, Benjamin³, Samuel², Benjamin¹, William², Thomas¹ Dexter) and Simon Poland, was born 24 Aug., 1845, at Winchendon, Mass. He married Kate Foley.

Two children:

- 1777 i Norman L.¹ Poland, b. at Duluth, Minn., 25 Jan., 1873; m. Rose ———.
- 1778 ii Rufus G.¹ Poland, b. at Butte City, Montana, 17 Sept., 1876.

1260

Stella E.¹ Poland, daughter of Betsey⁵ (Betsey⁴, Benjamin³, Samuel², Benjamin¹, William², Thomas¹ Dexter) and Simon Poland, was born 8 Aug., 1848, at Winchendon, Mass. She married Charles A. Gould, 1 Aug., 1872; he was born 15 Aug., 1844, at Abington, Conn.

Three children:

- 1779 i Alfred H.¹ Gould, b. 21 June, 1873; m. Hattie Hilbo, 1 June, 1902. One child; Viola Ethelyn Gould, b. 15 Aug., 1903.
- 1780 ii Harry W.¹ Gould, b. 26 June, 1881.
- 1781 iii Willard C.¹ Gould, b. 11 Sept., 1884.



ADDISON BROWN POLAND.

1261

Addison B. Poland, son of Betsey⁷ [Betsey⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Simon B. Poland, was born 26 March, 1851, at Winchendon, Mass. When three years old, his parents removed to Millbury, Worcester County, Mass., where he attended the district school until the age of nine, when he was admitted to the high school. Soon afterwards his parents returned to Winchendon, where he finished his high school course, and entered Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., in the fall of 1868. Leaving college in 1870, on account of impaired eyesight, he soon after engaged in teaching, first as principal of the Ashburnham, Mass., high school, and a year later as principal of the Salisbury, Mass., high school.

In 1873 he began the study of law in Worcester, Mass., but after a few months decided to return to teaching, and

became principal of the Day street grammar school in Fitchburg, Mass. In the following year, he resigned from this position to accept the principalship of the Union School and Academy at Hion, N. Y. He remained in charge of this school until September, 1885, when he resigned to become principal of the Jersey City, N. J., high school. Two years later he was made city superintendent of schools of Jersey City and four years later, March, 1891, state superintendent of public instructors of the state of New Jersey. After four years' service as state superintendent, during which time he succeeded in revolutionizing the school laws of the state, he resigned while his term of office had yet two years to run, in order to accept the position of assistant superintendent of schools in New York city, to which he had been unanimously elected. This was the first instance in upwards of a third of a century when any non-resident had been elected school superintendent in New York city, and was therefore regarded as an exceptional honor. After one year of successful service in New York, during which time he assisted in reorganizing the schools under the new charter creating the Greater New York, he resigned, March, 1897, in order to take a much-needed rest.

Returning home in the early part of 1898, after a year of foreign travel, during which time he made with Mrs. Poland a grand tour of the world, he accepted the appointment unanimously offered him of superintendent of schools of Paterson, N. J. After filling this position for nearly three years, he was elected superintendent of schools of Newark, N. J., where he now resides.

In 1876 Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts; and in 1890, New York University the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Mr. Poland married Fannie Elizabeth Flagg in 1875; she was the daughter of Captain Algernon S. Flagg of Wilbraham, Mass. Two surviving children were born of this marriage: Ethel Elizabeth, born 14 June, 1883, and Edwin Flagg, born 7 June, 1890. His first wife having died 10 June, 1890, Mr. Poland was married a second time, 26 June,

1895, to Mary Bishop Dennis, daughter of Rev. M. J. Dennis of Dayton, Ohio.

Two children by first wife, three by second wife:

- 1782 i Ethel Elizabethⁿ Poland, b. 14 June, 1883.
- 1783 ii Edwin Flaggⁿ Poland, b. 7 June, 1890.
- 1784 iii Margaret Evangelineⁿ Poland, b. 19 Sept., 1898.
- 1785 iv Mary Dennisⁿ Poland, b. 22 May, 1900.
- 1786 v Addison Brownⁿ Poland, b. 5 Nov., 1902.

1266

Maria Angelaⁿ Morse, daughter of Eliza Ann^r [Betsey⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Samuel Morse, was born 16 Sept., 1850, at Winchendon, Mass. She married Jacob Edward Watson, 13 Jan., 1881, at Worcester; he was the son of W. W. and Julia A. Watson of Princeton, Mass. He died at Worcester, 18 Oct., 1896.

Four children:

- 1787 i Stella Wheelerⁿ Watson, b. 27 March, 1884.
- 1788 ii Edward Physonⁿ Watson, b. 30 Aug., 1886.
- 1789 iii Ernest Jacobⁿ Watson, b. 2 April, 1891.
- 1790 iv Chester Leroyⁿ Watson, b. 20 Feb., 1893.

1267

Elnoraⁿ Morse, daughter of Eliza Ann^r [Betsey⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Samuel Morse, was born 26 Oct., 1855, at Worcester. She married Elmer Winfield Harrington, 28 May, 1885; he was the son of Charles A. and Lucy (Goulding) Harrington of Worcester. They reside at Worcester.

Three children:

- 1791 i Helen Lucyⁿ Harrington, b. 16 Sept., 1890; d. 25 July, 1891.
- 1792 ii Charles Albertⁿ Harrington, b. 26 Dec., 1893.
- 1793 iii George Elmerⁿ Harrington, b. 22 Oct., 1896.

1268

Emma Elizabeth^o Morse, daughter of Eliza Ann^e Betsey^o, Benjamin¹, Samuel¹, Benjamin¹, William², Thomas¹ Dexter and Samuel Morse, was born 13 Dec., 1858, at Worcester. She married (1) John E. Pierce, 10 July, 1878; he was the son of J. E. R. and A. E. Pierce of Worcester. He died 20 Sept., 1879, at Worcester, leaving one child. He married (2) William T. Harrington, 17 Aug., 1880, at Worcester; he was the son of Leonard and Elizabeth Harrington. They reside at Worcester.

Five children:

- 1794 i Florence Eliza^o Pierce, b. 8 Jan., 1879; d. 10 Nov., 1881.
- 1795 ii Fred William^o Harrington, b. 10 March, 1882; d. 1 Feb., 1885.
- 1796 iii George Leonard^o Harrington, b. 12 Sept., 1884; d. 30 Jan., 1885.
- 1797 iv Everett Samuel^o Harrington, b. 18 April, 1886.
- 1798 v Elmer Winfield^o Harrington, b. 26 July, 1889.

1274

Achsah L.^o Dexter, daughter of Loring² [Luke^o, Ephraim¹, Ephraim¹, Benjamin¹, William², Thomas¹] and Achsah Dexter, was born in Fairhaven, 12 May, 1838, and died 5 Sept., 1902. She married John Thacher, 7 Sept., 1856.

She was the eldest of five children. Her mother being an invalid, many of the household cares were performed by her. When she married John Thacher of South Dartmouth, Mass., they made their home at Geneva, Ill., returning again to the East after several years. Since 1883 she has resided in Pawtucket, R. I. Mrs. Thacher took a very prominent part in religious matters, having been interested in all the departments of church work. She was for many years a most highly respected member and earnest worker of the Park Place Congregational Church. She taught a large class of young ladies in Sunday-school. The Tarsus Mission, connected with the church, was organized by her. Under



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her care for fourteen years, many children have become interested in mission work. The aim of this mission was to educate young Armenian men for the work of Christ. One of these young men came to this country and graduated with honor at both the Theological and Medical colleges in Pennsylvania, a living tribute to the memory of her through whose efforts he was raised to a useful life. Mrs. Thacher was a woman greatly beloved and respected throughout the city in which she lived. Her work was among the lowly, and this world is better because she lived. Her death occurred 5 Sept., 1902.

One child:

- 1799 i Roland C.^o Thacher, b. at Geneva, Ill., 17 Dec., 1858; m. Lillian F. Jollie, 3 July, 1888. Two children: Elizabeth Dexter Thacher, b. 2 Sept., 1889; Raymond L. Thacher, b. 17 June, 1891.

1279

Kesiah L.ⁿ Dexter, daughter of Loring⁵ [Luke⁶ Ephraim⁷ Ephraim⁸, Benjamin⁹, William¹⁰, Thomas¹¹ and Kesiah [Holmes] Dexter, was born 16 Sept., 1828. She married Seth Alden, Jr., 25 Nov., 1847; he was the son of Seth Alden, and a descendant in the seventh generation from John Alden of the "Mayflower." He always took a prominent part in the affairs of his town. They moved onto the farm where several generations of Aldens had lived, and they were blessed with health, and lived long enough to celebrate their golden wedding. Mrs. Alden was of a very lively disposition, and it was said that no daughter of hers ever made a more handsome bride than she did. She died August, 1902, and was buried in Riverside cemetery.

Ten children, born in Fairhaven:

- 1800 i Susan Mariaⁿ Alden, b. 4 Oct., 1848; d. 29 April, 1853.
- 1801 ii Lucia Russellⁿ Alden, b. 17 May, 1850; d. 4 Sept., 1854.
- 1802 iii Francis LeBaronⁿ Alden, b. 5 Oct., 1852; d. 1860.
- 1803 iv Emma Tobeyⁿ Alden, b. 18 Oct., 1854.
- 1804 v Clara Bennettⁿ Alden, b. 25 Sept., 1856; m. Arthur F. Kenyon, 29 June, 1881. Mr. Kenyon is a descendant of Roger Williams and is paymaster in a cotton mill.
- 1805 vi Charles Edwardⁿ Alden, b. 27 Sept., 1859; d. 11 June, 1896.
- 1806 vii Adeline Lewisⁿ Alden, b. 23 Feb., 1863; m. Charles H. Morton, Nov., 1886. He was a soldier in the Civil War and a prisoner in both Libby and Andersonville, and is now cashier in the Fairhaven Institution for Savings.
- 1807 viii George Lincolnⁿ Alden, b. 12 May, 1865.
- 1808 ix Eudora Francesⁿ Alden, b. 21 July, 1867; m. Robert A. Phelan of California. He is an electrical engineer.
- 1809 x Seth Frankⁿ Alden, b. 8 June, 1870; m. Frances Walcott, Dec., 1900. He is in business in California.

1280

Obadiah D.ⁿ Dexter, son of Loring⁵ [Luke⁶, Ephraim⁷, Ephraim⁸, Benjamin⁹, William¹⁰, Thomas¹¹ and Kesiah Holmes] Dexter, was born 12 March, 1832, and died 12 Aug., 1871. He married Caroline J. Chaffee, 19 July, 1857.

Six children:

- 1810 i Ebenezer H.² Dexter, b. in Providence, R. I., 16 Aug., 1859; m. Amelia Weisenhaven, 9 Feb., 1881. Two children: Mary E. C. Dexter, b. 12 Dec., 1881; Jennie H. Dexter, b. 1 April, 1884.
- 1811 ii Obadiah D.² Dexter, b. in Providence, R. I., 15 June, 1861; d. 27 Sept., 1862.
- 1812 iii Carrie J.² Dexter, b. 16 Nov., 1863; m. (1) C. J. Paul, 22 July, 1877; (2) Francis S. Chandler, 25 June, 1886.
- 1813 iv Cora L.² Dexter, b. in Oakland, Cal., 14 Sept., 1865; m. George E. Bates, 9 July, 1882.
- 1814 v Obadiah² Dexter, b. in Newcastle, Cal., 25 July, 1868; d. 25 Nov., 1868.
- 1815 vi Mary J.² Dexter, b. 4 July, 1870; m. C. S. M. Bartlett, 14 Aug., 1887.

1313

William H.² Dexter, son of Lewis² [Ephraim⁶, Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Martha J. Robbins¹ Dexter, was born 4 Oct., 1860. He married Mary P. White, 14 April, 1880.

Six children:

- 1816 i William H.² Dexter, Jr., b. in New York City, 12 Aug., 1882.
- 1817 ii Leander A.² Dexter, b. 12 Sept., 1884.
- 1818 iii George A.² Dexter, b. 13 June, 1885.
- 1819 iv Albion R.² Dexter, b. 11 April, 1889.
- 1820 v Elizabeth J.² Dexter, b. 30 May, 1892.
- 1821 vi Mahel² Dexter, b. 7 May, 1895.

1320

Henry H.² Kendrick, son of Harriet² [Ephraim⁶, Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Daniel H. Kendrick, was born 13 Oct., 1840, and died 12 Oct., 1884. He married Mercy Ann Raymond, 20 Dec., 1868. He followed the sea for many years.

Two children:

- 1822 i Vernon H.² Kendrick, b. 5 Feb., 1874; m. Delina B. West, 12 June, 1899.
- 1823 ii LaForest W.² Kendrick, b. 11 Jan., 1877; m. Lillian J. Wicks, 9 Nov., 1896.

1321

Rachel S.^s Kendrick, daughter of Harriet⁷ Ephraim⁶, Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter and Daniel H. Kendrick, was born 9 April, 1843. She married (1) Captain John A. Beckerman, 25 Dec., 1860. He was a captain of merchant vessels, and was a large owner in coasting schooners. He owned one which took his name. She married (2) Marcus M. Thompson.

Three children by first husband:

- 1824 i Sarah L.^s Beckerman, b. 23 Oct., 1861.
- 1825 ii John A.^s Beckerman, Jr., b. 20 Feb., 1873.
- 1826 iii William H.^s Beckerman, b. 7 July, 1879. Three children: Frances Snow Beckerman, b. 18 July, 1902; Louis Evelyn Beckerman, b. 11 Oct., 1903; d. 29 May, 1904; John William Beckerman, b. 13 Oct., 1904.

1323

Hattie L.^s Kendrick, daughter of Harriet⁷ Ephraim⁶, Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter and Daniel H. Kendrick, was born 18 May, 1851, and died 26 Oct., 1886. She married Levi L. Phinney, 12 Nov., 1871.

Three children:

- 1827 i Ada L.^s Phinney, b. 24 Aug., 1874; m. Alton Collins, 11 April, 1900. One child: Ruth H. Collins, b. 29 June, 1904.
- 1828 ii Roland S.^s Phinney, b. 18 Dec., 1878.
- 1829 iii Austin D.^s Phinney, b. 22 Aug., 1886.

1324

Horace L.^s Kendrick, son of Harriet⁷ Ephraim⁶, Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter and Daniel H. Kendrick, was born 27 Dec., 1853, at Sandwich, Mass. He married (1) Ruth M. Wilder, 25 Dec., 1878; (2) Eliza Tolman Wilder, 4 Dec., 1894. He was employed in a shoe

factory when a young man. He is now a traveling salesman for a grocery house. His home is in Brockton.

Two children:

- 1830 i Edith M.^e Kendrick, b. 9 Oct., 1879; m. John S. Tilton. One child: Ruth W. Tilton, b. 12 Nov., 1904.
 1831 ii David L.^e Kendrick, b. 12 July, 1881.



EPHRAIM A. DEXTER

1327

Ephraim A. Dexter, son of Samuel⁶ [Gideon⁶, Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Lydia Dexter, was born 3 Jan., 1834. He married Betsey O. Snow, 21 Sept., 1860; she was the daughter of Harvey and Betsey (Jenney) Snow. He learned the caulker's trade, and made three trips south for live oak timber for ship building. He is now a farmer. He has been a selectman and road commissioner, and is now inspector of cattle and meat.

Five children :

- 1832 i Annie L.^a Dexter, b. at Mattapoisett, 20 Oct., 1864.
 1833⁺ ii Bessie J.^a Dexter, b. at Mattapoisett, 11 March, 1866.
 1834 iii Mamie F.^a Dexter, b. 28 Aug., 1872; m. William Cushing. Two children: Vivian C. Cushing, b. 8 Nov., 1893; Ellsworth S. Cushing, b. 4 Feb., 1900.
 1835⁺ iv Amy A.^a Dexter, b. 26 June, 1874.
 1836 v Izah A.^a Dexter, b. 30 April, 1880; m. Edford C. Seeley, 29 March, 1900. One child: Edford A. Seeley, b. 15 Oct., 1901.

1328

Samuel Dexter, Jr., son of Samuel⁺ [Gideon⁺, Ephraim⁺, Ephraim⁺, Benjamin⁺, William⁺, Thomas⁺ and Lydia Dexter, was born 28 Nov., 1835. He married Lydia C. Hiller, 7 Sept., 1865; she was the daughter of Seth and Almira Lewis Hiller. He learned the trade of a caulker. He is now a farmer, and raises small fruits for the market.

Seven children :

- 1837 i Herbert W.^a Dexter, b. at Mattapoisett, 3 Sept., 1866.
 1838 ii Myra C.^a Dexter, b. 27 March, 1868; m. Stephen S. Hathor, 30
 6 Dec., 1896. One child: Elmer B. Hathaway, b. 25 Dec.,
 1897.
 1839 iii Martha A.^a Dexter, b. 11 Oct., 1869.
 1840 iv Edgar D.^a Dexter, b. 5 Nov., 1872. Is boat builder by trade.
 1841 v Freeman C.^a Dexter, b. 4 July, 1874.
 1842 vi Azubah C.^a Dexter, b. 4 Nov., 1876.
 1843 vii Virtue R.^a Dexter, b. 31 July, 1879.

1337

Sarah A. Dexter, daughter of Ephraim⁺ [Gideon⁺, Ephraim⁺, Ephraim⁺, Benjamin⁺, William⁺, Thomas⁺ and Lydia [Snow] Dexter, was born 21 Dec., 1847, at Rochester. She was educated in the public schools. She married Nathaniel C. Ransom, 27 June, 1869; he was the son of James B. and Eunice Ransom. After finishing his schooling in town, he went whaling in the bark "Barustable," Captain

Bronson commanding, which sailed from New Bedford in 1860. After three seasons to the Arctic Ocean, he returned to New Bedford in 1864. He soon sailed from Plymouth in the schooner "Profit," Captain Bartlett, on a cod-fishing trip to the Grand Banks. Returning in September, he went to school at Middleboro for a few months. In February, 1865, he sailed from Boston for New Orleans in the bark "Commerce," Captain Robinson, and was in the harbor at Mobile when the city surrendered. Returning to Boston, he sailed in October on a whaling voyage with Captain Hamilton. After serving three seasons, he came home and was married. He then sailed as third mate on the bark "John Wells," Captain Dean, in 1869, for the Arctic Ocean. The second season the ice closed in upon them while near Point Barrow, and they abandoned the ship and took to the boats and went about eighty miles toward Behring Straits before finding clear water and other vessels. There were about thirty vessels in the fleet and all but seven were abandoned. He went to Honolulu, and from there took the steamer "Moses Taylor" for San Francisco, and from California came across overland to his home. His next and last voyage in the Arctic Ocean was on the bark "Illinois," Captain Fraser, and he went as boat-header. He took vessel at San Francisco, going and returning from there overland. He then gave up the sea, and devoted himself to market gardening.

Four children:

- 1844 i Laura E.^e Ransom, b. 16 Aug., 1873. Graduate of Smith College and taught school several years. Married Darius Frink, 5 Oct., 1899, and removed to Newington, N. H. One child: Harold R. Frink, b. 8 July, 1902.
- 1845 ii Eunice E.^e Ransom, b. 24 Feb., 1875. Graduate from town school, went to Tabor Academy, also Bridgewater Normal School, and is now teaching at Newington, N. H.
- 1846 iii Clarence B.^e Ransom, b. 16 Dec., 1876. Went to Boston and is clerk with Harrison Bros.
- 1847 iv Everett S.^e Ransom, b. 22 Aug., 1879. Is engineer on steamers on the Atlantic coast, also made one voyage to California and Sandwich Islands.

1340

William C.^s Dexter, son of Calvin⁷ [Gideon⁶, Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Catherine [Caswell] Dexter, was born 30 June, 1851. He married Mary J. Faunce, 14 Nov., 1887.

He was educated in the public schools, and afterwards learned the cabinet-maker's trade, but after serving his time, he went into business in the general merchandise line. He also has a large tract cultivated with cranberries.

Four children:

- 1848 i Luella P.^s Dexter, b. 19 Aug., 1879; d. 6 May, 1881.
- 1849 ii Eliza C.^s Dexter, b. 13 Sept., 1881; m. Hugh R. McHugh, 3 June, 1901.
- 1850 iii Harrier N.^s Dexter, b. 27 July, 1886; m. Linus S. Eldridge, 7 Aug., 1902. One son: William D. Eldridge, b. 14 Sept., 1903.
- 1851 iv Ethel M.^s Dexter, b. 9 Sept., 1893.

1341

John S.^s Dexter, son of John⁷ [Gideon⁶, Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Hannah L. Dexter, was born 3 March, 1843. He married (1) Mary A. Johnson, 7 Jan., 1870; (2) Delia M. Dexter, 22 Nov., 1873.

He early learned the trade of house carpentry, and worked at it in Rhode Island for many years. He then returned to his native town, and for the last twenty-five years has carried on the building and lumber business.

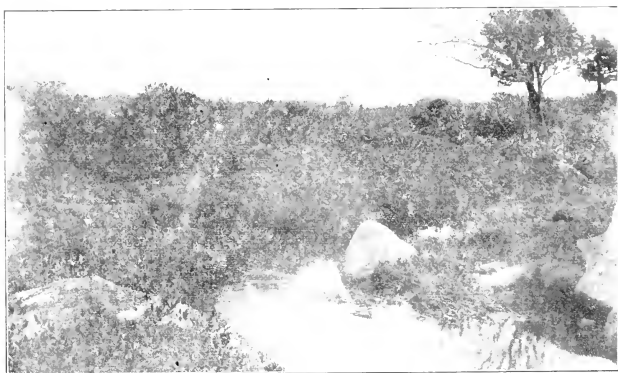
Three children:

- 1852 i Charles S.^s Dexter, b. at Mattapoisett, 7 Jan., 1872; m. Mary E. Wathey, 18 Jan., 1893. He is a machinist by trade and is in business at Attleboro, Mass., making tools for the manufacture of jewelry. They had one child, born and died in May, 1896.



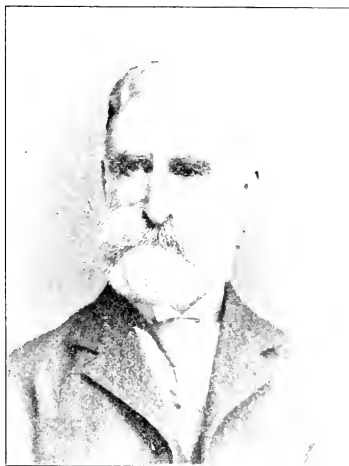
WALTER C. DEXTER.

- 1855 ii Walter C. Dexter, b. 30 May, 1878. At the age of 12 he entered the Friends' School at Providence, R. I. After graduating from there he attended the Business College at Fall River, Mass., and then spent a year at the Textile School in New Bedford. He now resides at Mattapoisett.
- 1854 iii Ernest W. Dexter, b. 16 May, 1887.



MILL-DAM NEAR PICO BEACH.

Site of first mill owned by Benjamin Dexter, which has always been in Dexter family.



ROBERT L. DEXTER

1342

Robert L. Dexter, son of John⁷ [Gideon⁶, Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Hannah S. Dexter, was born 9 Feb., 1847. He married Kate M. Luce, 1 Sept., 1872.

He was born at Mattapoisett, and received his education in the schools of that town. He learned the trade of cabinet-making, which he has followed many years. He also worked at house carpentry. He is now living on part of the original Dexter farm, and divides his time between developing a summer resort and cabinet-making. He was at one time a member of the School Committee. He became interested in the genealogy of the Dexter family, and for eighteen years has been collecting data about the family, and much of the material in this book was collected by him. He has no family.



KATE M. DEXTER

1343

James L. Dexter, son of John⁷ [Gideon⁶, Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Hannah S. Dexter, was born - . He married Mary S. Gray, 6 Oct., 1884. He learned the trade of a cabinet-maker, and later worked at house carpentry. He now lives at Mattapoisett, in the house where his father lived before him. For a few years he was in the milk business, but is now interested with his two brothers in summer cottages at Pico Beach, which are occupied by summer tenants.

Three children:

- 1855 i. Florence G.² Dexter, b. 25 Aug., 1885; m. John C. Dexter, 24 Nov., 1904. One child: Doris Leonard Dexter, b. 10 Oct., 1905.
- 1856 ii. Lillian C.² Dexter, b. 25 April, 1893.
- 1857 iii. Chester S.² Dexter, b. 19 Nov., 1895; d. 5 Aug., 1896.

1375

William A.^s Dexter, son of Freeman^s [Alden^s, Ephraim^s, Ephraim^s, Benjamin^s, William^s, Thomas^s] and Isabella [Gordon] Dexter, was born 14 Aug., 1843, at New Bedford, and died 30 Nov., 1899. He married Hannah H. Nye. For ten years he was in the employ of the Fifth Avenue Safe Deposit & Trust Co.

Seven children, born in New Bedford:

- 1858 i Anna L.^a Dexter, b. 31 March, 1867.
- 1859 ii William H.^s Dexter, b. 8 Dec., 1868; m. Margaret _____.
- 1860 iii Thomas N.^s Dexter, b. 13 Sept., 1870; m. Kate Mulvey. One child: Viola Dexter, b. 3 April, 1891.
- 1861 iv Helen G.^s Dexter, b. 24 Aug., 1872; m. John P. Negus, 1 Jan., 1891. One child: Ethel Negus, b. 10 Nov., 1891.
- 1862 v Gertrude^s Dexter, b. 28 Feb., 1877; d. 15 Oct., 1878.
- 1863 vi George E.^s Dexter, b. 16 Jan., 1879.
- 1864 vii Charles T.^s Dexter, b. 8 March, 1881; d. 9 April, 1884.

1378

Lucy A.^s Dexter, daughter of Stillman^s [Alden^s, Ephraim^s, Ephraim^s, Benjamin^s, William^s, Thomas^s] and Eunice [Hitchmond] Dexter, was born 13 Dec., 1842. She married Gideon B. Barlow, Jr., July, 1863.

Three children, born in Mattapoisett:

- 1865 i Edward Albert^s Barlow, b. 18 July, 1861; m. Emma Morse, 25 April, 1889.
- 1866 ii Minnie Alice^s Barlow, b. 6 Oct., 1871; m. John Dunn, 19 Nov., 1891.
- 1867 iii Herbert Alden^s Barlow, b. 9 Oct., 1875.

1379

Euphemia F.^s Dexter, daughter of Stillman^s [Alden^s, Ephraim^s, Ephraim^s, Benjamin^s, William^s, Thomas^s] and Eunice [Hitchmond] Dexter, was born 6 March, 1845. She married (1) William Gifford, 1863; (2) Charles B. Hammond,

1871. Mr. Hammond was the son of Thomas P. Hammond. For many years he was engaged in whaling trips, sailing from Marion, Mattapoisett and New Bedford. He has been in nearly all parts of the maritime world, and good luck has always attended him. In the fall of 1862, while on the bark "Ocean Rover," the vessel with 850 barrels of sperm oil was captured and burned off Western Islands, by Captain Semmer of the privateer "Alabama." All hands were put into the ship's boats and left to shift for themselves. They landed on one of the Western Islands, and later reached Fayal, from which place they were sent to Boston by the American consul. The owners and crew were afterwards remunerated for their loss, out of the \$15,000,000 awarded the United States, under the Treaty of Washington. During his last voyage, he was first officer of the bark "Hunter," of New Bedford, sailing in the Arctic and Pacific Oceans, and making a complete voyage around the world. He is now occupied in farming at Hammondtown, Mattapoisett.

One child by first husband, five by second husband:

- 1868 i Lizzie C.^d Gifford, b. 27 April, 1864; m. Gideon Shurtleff, 25 Dec., 1882.
- 1869 ii Ephremia D.^d Hammond, b. 27 Jan., 1873; m. Byron P. Dunn, Dec., 1890.
- 1870 iii Sarah A.^d Hammond, b. 9 May, 1875; m. Francis G. Allen, 31 Oct., 1899.
- 1871 iv Maria M.^d Hammond, b. 31 Dec., 1877.
- 1872 v Carrie E.^d Hammond, b. 1 Aug., 1880; d. 17 Feb., 1881.
- 1873 vi Charles S.^d Hammond, b. 29 June, 1885; killed by locomotive, 26 Aug., 1905.

1404

David Dexter^s Clark, son of Lucretia^r [David⁶, Seth⁵, Seth⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter, and William Clark, was born 1844. He married Nellie Huntington, 1875; she was born 25 Aug., 1853.

Four children:

- 1874 i William Dexter³ Clark, b. 1879.
 1875 ii Ralph Huntington³ Clark, b. 14 June, 1881.
 1876 iii Irving³ Clark, b. 22 Feb., 1881; d. 1881.
 1877 iv Alfred Henry³ Clark, b. 17 Sept., 1888.



JULIA S. (DEXTER) COFFIN.

1416

Julia Sargeant⁸ Dexter, daughter of Charles H.⁷ (Seth⁶, Seth⁵, Seth⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹) and Lydia (Pierson) Dexter, was born 4 Nov., 1839, at Windsor Locks, Conn. She married (1) Thomas Haskall, 26 Dec., 1860; he was born 11 Feb., 1827, and died 1863. She married (2) Herbert R. Coffin, 4 Dec., 1866; he was born 6 Aug., 1840, at Rindge, N. H., and died 9 July, 1901, at Windsor Locks, Conn.

One child by first husband, four by second husband:

- 1878 i Thomasine⁶ Haskell, b. at Windsor Locks, 9 Nov., 1862.
- 1879 ii Arthur Dexter⁶ Coffin, b. 25 April, 1868; m. Cora Drake, 11 April, 1894. Two children: Dexter Drake Coffin, b. 12 Sept., 1896; d. 1896; Dexter Drake Coffin, 2d, b. 8 April, 1898.
- 1880 iii Clarence Harlan⁶ Coffin, b. 27 Sept., 1869; d. 9 July, 1875.
- 1881 iv Herbert Raymond⁶ Coffin, Jr., b. 15 Jan., 1871; m. Jean G. Warbenton, 26 June, 1895. Three children: Douglas Pierson Coffin, b. 10 May, 1897; Charles Sumner Coffin, b. 4 Dec., 1898; Herbert Raymond Coffin, b. 20 April, 1900.
- 1882 v Grace P.² Coffin, b. at Windsor Locks, 2 Dec., 1873; m. Charles Henry Cooley, Jr., of Hartford, Ct., 3 June, 1903.



ANNIE PIERSON (DEXTER) ALLEN

1417

Annie Pierson⁶ Dexter, daughter of Charles H.⁷ [Seth⁶, Seth⁵, Seth⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Lydia [Pierson¹ Dexter, was born 5 May, 1842, at Windsor Locks, Conn. She married Bennett Rowland Allen, 18 March, 1863; he was born 17 May, 1838, at Enfield, and died 11 Oct., 1896, at Hartford, Conn.

One child:

- 1883 i Charles Dexter² Allen, b. at Windsor Locks, 8 May, 1865; m. Frances Louise Clark, 5 Nov., 1890.



EDWIN DOUGLAS DEXTER

1418

Edwin D.² Dexter, son of Charles H.¹ (Seth¹, Seth¹, Seth¹; Benjamin², William², Thomas¹ and Lydia (Pierson) Dexter), was born 24 Oct., 1847, and died 26 Jan., 1886. He married Julia B. Hayden, 15 April, 1868.

Two children:

- 1884 i Florence² Dexter, b. at Windsor Locks, Ct., 15 Jan., 1869; m. Col. William Spaulding of Nashua, N. H., 29 May, 1889. Two children: Dexter E. Spaulding, b. 19 Oct., 1890; Sylvia Spaulding, b. 9 June, 1894.
- 1885 ii Annie² Dexter, b. April, 1871; d. 24 Aug., 1872.

1421

Rev. Henry Morton³ Dexter, son of Rev. Henry Martyn⁷ [Elijah⁶, Elijah⁵, Seth⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Emeline [Palmer] Dexter, was born 12 July, 1846, at Manchester, N. H. He married Emily L. Sanford of Taunton, Mass., 9 June, 1881. He graduated from Yale in 1867, with the M. A. degree, and from Andover in 1870. He was Secretary and Treasurer of the National Council of Congregationalist Churches of America, which erected the memorial bronze tablet to John Robinson, in Leyden, Holland, and dedicated it July 24, 1891. He is a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, also the Boston Society of Mayflower Descendants, being eighth in descent from Degory Priest, one of the signers of the compact with the Leyden Co. He was a delegate to the first International Council of Congregationalists, held at London in 1891, and also at the second council held at Boston in 1899. He was formerly editor and proprietor of the "Congregationalist," and was the author of the "Story of the Pilgrims in America," in 1894.

Two children:

- 1886 i. Marjory Morton³ Dexter, b. 14 Sept., 1882.
 1887 ii. Mary³ Dexter, b. 13 Aug., 1886.

1422

John G.³ Dexter, son of John G.⁷ [Prince⁶, Elijah⁵, Seth⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Eleanor F. [Richardson] Dexter, was born 27 Feb., 1834. He married (1) Catherine T. B. Ruggles, 4 April, 1859; (2) Ellen M. Baldwin, 16 Dec., 1903.

Seven children by first wife, born in Rochester, Mass.:

- 1888 i. John W.³ Dexter, b. 21 Oct., 1866; m. M. S. Schilling, 3 Jan., 1894. Four children: John R. Dexter, b. 1 Oct., 1895; Louis R. Dexter, b. 2 Dec., 1897; Frank G. Dexter, b. 25 March, 1899; Harold A. Dexter, b. 22 Feb., 1902.
 1889 ii. Frank Gibbs³ Dexter, b. 14 July, 1868; d. 9 June, 1896.

- 1890 iii Eleanor Richardson^e Dexter, b. 18 Oct., 1869; m. William L. R. Gifford, 6 June, 1888. Two children: Catherine Gifford, b. 1889; d. at Cambridge, 1903; Humphrey A. Gifford, b. 1890.
- 1891 iv Harriet Maria^e Dexter, b. 22 Jan., 1871; d. 8 Oct., 1871.
- 1892 v Lucy Ruggles^e Dexter, b. 9 Feb., 1872; m. James P. Porter, 25 July, 1894. One son: Llewellyn R. Porter, b. 18 Oct., 1901.
- 1893 vi Charles Rugg^e Dexter, b. 30 May, 1877; m. Josephine M. Snell, 30 March, 1898.
- 1894 vii Mary Stanford^e Dexter, b. 16 July, 1879; m. Samuel Fsher, 26 of Cambridge, Mass., 9 Sept., 1905. They now reside at Somerville.



ALDEN DAVIS DEXTER

1452

Alden Davis^e Dexter, son of Joseph^e Alden, Elisha & Seth Jabez^e, Philip^e, William^e, Thomas^e and Sophia H. Tenham^e Dexter, was born 7 July, 1868, at Mattapoisett, Mass. He married Minnie Frances Swift, 26 Nov., 1896, at Taunton, Mass. She was born 23 Sept., 1875, at Brockton. He is a market man, and lives in New Bedford.

One child:

- 1895 i Bernice Alden^e Dexter, b. at Taunton, Mass., 19 Sept., 1897.



MINNIE FRANCES DEXTER.



BERNICE ALDEN DEXTER.

1453

William H.⁹ Dexter, son of Joseph⁷ [Alden⁵, Elisha⁴, Seth³, Jabez², Philip¹, William², Thomas¹ and Sophia H. [Tinkham] Dexter, was born 26 Jan., 1871. He married Annie E. Dorcher, 27 Sept., 1891.

Three children, born in Mattapoisett:

- 1896 i Charles T.¹⁰ Dexter, b. 19 Sept., 1898.
- 1897 ii Herman W.¹⁰ Dexter, b. 24 Oct., 1900.
- 1898 iii Margaret¹⁰ Dexter, b. 1904.

1455

Alice M.⁹ Dexter, daughter of Joseph⁷ [Alden⁵, Elisha⁴, Seth³, Jabez², Philip¹, William², Thomas¹] and Sophia H. [Tinkham] Dexter, was born 13 June, 1874. She married (1) Jeremiah L. Randall, 17 July, 1891; (2) Webster Kinney, 20 July, 1897.

Two children by second husband, born at Mattapoisett:

- 1900 i Webster Harold¹⁰ Kinney, b. 27 Sept., 1901.
- 1901 ii Alden L.¹⁰ Kinney, b. 10 Jan., 1904.

1515

Sarah Johnson⁹ Dexter, daughter of Dennis⁷ Benjamin⁶, Joseph⁵, Benjamin⁴, Noah³, Benjamin², William¹, Thomas¹ and Mary [Luce¹ Dexter, was born 19 July, 1832, and died 15 Nov., 1874. She married Francis Stillman Richardson of Winchester.

Seven children:

- 1902 i Henrietta Evelyn¹⁰ Richardson, b. 12 March, 1854; m. Charles E. Corey, 8 June, 1875. Three children: William, Mabel and Preston.
- 1903 ii Amelia Frances¹⁰ Richardson, b. 1855; d. 1899.

- 1904 iii Augustus¹⁰ Richardson, b. 26 Aug., 1857; m. Martha Ellen Hooper, 23 Feb., 1882. Eight children: Luella A., Alice J., Bertha F., Laura J., Arthur S., Augusta, Henry, Walter.
- 1905 iv Grandville Dexter¹⁰ Richardson, b. 9 Oct., 1859; m. Ella Cutter, Sept., 1888. One daughter: Persis Richardson, b. 28 Dec., 1889.
- 1906 v Frances Stillman¹⁰ Richardson, b. —; m. Alvin Genderson, 3 April, 1887.
- 1907 vi Annie Josephine¹⁰ Richardson, b. 26 July, 1866; m. Albert F. Ireland, 16 April, 1895. Two children: Helen Gertrude Ireland, b. 7 Nov., 1897; Harold Stone Ireland, b. 1 Feb., 1899.
- 1908 vii Frederick Clifford¹⁰ Richardson, b. 10 Feb., 1874; m. Elsie J. Glenn, 27 June, 1905.

1517

Sophia⁹ Dexter, daughter of Dennis⁸ [Benjamin⁷, Joseph⁶, Benjamin⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Mary [Lucy] Dexter, was born 1838, and died 27 Aug., 1891. She married Joseph Roberson, August, 1854.

Six children:

- 1909 i Josephine¹⁰ Roberson, b. —.
- 1910 ii William¹⁰ Roberson, b. —.
- 1911 iii Edward¹⁰ Roberson, b. —.
- 1912 iv George¹⁰ Roberson, b. —.
- 1913 v Jessie¹⁰ Roberson, b. —.
- 1914 vi Chester¹⁰ Roberson, b. —.

1520

George Hillman⁹ Dexter, son of Dennis⁸ [Benjamin⁷, Joseph⁶, Benjamin⁵, Noah⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and —, was born 31 Oct., 1849. He married (1) Alice McDonald, 30 July, 1875; (2) Amelia A. Haynes, 17 Sept., 1886. Mr. Dexter makes a specialty of the hen business, and has taken a great many prizes with his "Dexter's Black Minorcas."



GEORGE HILLMAN DENTER.

Two children by first wife, one child by second:

- 1915 i Sarah Johnson^m Dexter, b. 15 April, 1876; m. Samuel H. Brooks, 1899. Three children: Dexter M. Brooks, b. 14 May, 1900; Charlotte L. Brooks, b. 3 Nov., 1901; Ruth H. Brooks, b. 19 Jan., 1903.
- 1916 ii William Herbert^m Dexter, b. 29 Oct., 1880.
- 1917 iii Alice May^m Dexter, b. 19 Sept., 1888.

1528

Jonathan L.^s Dexter, son of Hiram^s [Joseph^s, Joseph^s, Benjamin^s, Noah^s, Benjamin^s, William^s, Thomas^s and Love [Lambert] Dexter, was born 23 Jan., 1843. He married Mary L. Seaverns, 7 Jan., 1875; she died 4 April, 1900.

Five children, born in Brookline, Mass. :

- 1918 i Lucy Amelia¹⁰ Dexter, b. 25 Aug., 1876; m. George H. Hutchinson, June, 1900.
- 1919 ii Mary Love¹⁰ Dexter, b. 3 Aug., 1878.
- 1920 iii Miriam¹⁰ Dexter, b. 1 Jan., 1881.
- 1921 iv Delia Carrie¹⁰ Dexter, b. 17 June, 1883.
- 1922 v Frank Seaverns¹⁰ Dexter, b. 4 Nov., 1891.

1576

Mabel A.⁹ Dexter, adopted daughter of William N.⁸ [Foster D.⁷, John⁶, Job⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] Dexter, was born 8 March, 1869. She married George R. Carpenter, 19 Oct., 1890; he was born 15 May, 1872.

Four children, born in Orange, Mass. :

- 1923 i Clara E.¹⁰ Carpenter, b. 9 Nov., 1891.
- 1924 ii Bessie B.¹⁰ Carpenter, b. 16 May, 1897.
- 1925 iii Ella E.¹⁰ Carpenter, b. 5 June, 1899.
- 1926 iv Robert Eames¹⁰ Carpenter, b. 31 Aug., 1904.

1601

Frank Albert⁹ Dexter, son of Benjamin Allen⁸ [Amasa⁷, Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Laura [Webb] Dexter, was born 26 Nov., 1863, at Rutland. He married Virginia Hartwell, 1885.

Three children :

- 1927 i Vera L.¹⁰ Dexter, b. —.
- 1928 ii Frances¹⁰ Dexter, b. —.
- 1929 iii Lorna¹⁰ Dexter, b. —.

1603

Myra R.^a Dexter, daughter of Elihu O. C.^s [Amasa^a, Benjamin^a, Benjamin^a, Samuel^a, Benjamin^a, William^a, Thomas^a and Jane [Miner] Dexter, was born 2 June, 1871, and died 27 April, 1904. She married George W. Holton of Fort Edward, N. Y., in 1892. They lived at Winchester.

Three children:

- 1930 i Dwight Dexter^m Holton, b. 4 Oct., 1896.
- 1931 ii Charles Gilford^m Holton, b. 12 Oct., 1897.
- 1932 iii Carrie Louise^m Holton, b. 27 Dec., 1902.



FRANK E. DEXTER

1609

Frank E.^a Dexter, son of Joseph L.^a [Moses^a, Benjamin^a, Benjamin^a, Samuel^a, Benjamin^a, William^a, Thomas^a and Sarah J. [Wood] Dexter, was born 25 Dec., 1859. He married Cora H. Lee, 15 Aug., 1883; she died 15 Aug., 1888.



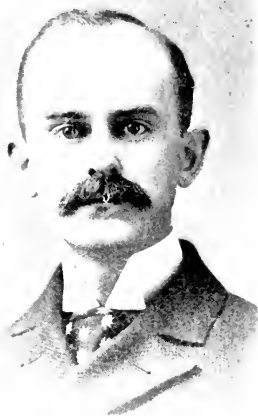
ROBERT L. DEXTER.

Two children :

- 1933 i Edith L.²⁰ Dexter, b. 20 Dec., 1883.
- 1934 ii Robert L.¹⁰ Dexter, b. 16 April, 1887.

1610

Fred Abbott⁹ Dexter, son of Joseph L.⁸ [Moses⁷, Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Sarah J. [Wood] Dexter, was born 17 Oct., 1862, at Orange, Mass., in what is known as the Albee house on East Main Street. He passed two years of his life in the house he was born in, when his parents removed to Athol. His education was obtained in the public schools of that town, but he left when only half through the high school, to enter upon a business career, being at that time 14 years of age. He spent three and one-half years as clerk in an Athol cloth-



FRED A. DEXTER.

ing store, when he accepted a position as manager of the Orange Clothing Company, Jan. 1, 1882, being then in his 19th year. He managed the store for three years, when he was taken into partnership, and has since been one of the proprietors as well as manager. He is one of the founders, and has always held the office of Treasurer of the Leavitt Machine Co. and for a number of years has had full care and management of this business. In 1892 he and his partner opened a store in Athol, which is one of the principal mercantile establishments of that town. He is a director in and Vice-president of the Orange National Bank, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of both the Orange Savings Bank and the Orange Co-operative Bank. He was Treasurer of the First Universalist Society of Orange for ten years, and held the office of Secretary of the Orange Board of Trade for five years. He is an Odd Fellow and a Mason. He married Flora L. Putnam, 26 Feb., 1884.



BAYARD P. DEXTER.

One child:

- 1935 i Bayard Putnam¹⁰ Dexter, b. 14 April, 1885. He graduated from the Phillips Exeter Academy in the class of 1905 and entered Cornell University at Ithaca, N. Y., the same year, and is taking the mechanical engineering course.

1611

Mabel L.⁹ Dexter, daughter of Joseph L.⁸ [Moses⁷, Benjamin⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Persis [Lord] Dexter, was born 3 June, 1865. She married Arthur A. Prentiss.

Two children:

- 1936 i Pauline Moore¹⁰ Prentiss, b. 1891.
1937 ii Alton¹⁰ Prentiss, b. 1897.

1643

Henry L.⁹ Davis, son of Nelson D.⁸ [Dexter⁷, Lucy⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Adelaide M. [Wescott] Davis, was born 20 Aug., 1856, at Caton.

He married Phebe M. White, 18 Jan., 1877. He was a carpenter by trade. He died 7 Aug., 1900. She died in Colorado, Dec., 1901.

Two children:

- 1938 i William^m Davis, b. 1878; killed by cars, March, 1896.
- 1939 ii Adeline^m Davis, b. 1 May, 1882; m. William Church of Colorado Springs, 16 Aug., 1901. One daughter, b. 15 Feb., 1904.

1647

Emma A.⁹ Davis, daughter of Nelson D.⁹ [Dexter⁷, Lucy⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Julia E. [Baker] Davis, was born 8 June, 1868, at Caton, N. Y. She married John C. Roe, 1 March, 1888; he was the son of Daniel B. and Margaret (Frandenhoff) Roe. They reside on a farm at Caton.

Six children:

- 1940 i Florence^m Roe, b. Nov., 1888; d. Sept., 1895.
- 1941 ii Stanley N.^m Roe, b. 23 Sept., 1890.
- 1942 iii Harry^m Roe, b. April, 1895.
- 1943 iv Earl^m Roe, b. March, 1897.
- 1944 v Grace^m Roe, b. 18 Dec., 1901.
- 1945 vi Charles Lawrence^m Roe, b. 20 Dec., 1903.

1662

Frederick Albert⁹ Warden, son of John D.⁹ [Narcissa⁷, Lucy⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Sarah [Nichols] Warden, was born 24 April, 1875, in Fall River, Mass. He was educated in the public schools of Fall River, and immediately after leaving school, entered the employ of L. Nichols & Co., furniture dealers. He married Emma B. Gerry, 4 Nov., 1896, at Fall River.

Two children:

- 1946 i Mary Louise^m Warden, b. 17 Oct., 1897.
- 1947 ii Earl Frederic^m Warden, b. 20 Dec., 1899.



FLORENCE D. (WARDEN) TABOR.



MILES W. TABOR.

1664

Florence D.² Warden, daughter of William A.¹ Narcissus, Lucy⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas Dexter¹ and Ella M. [Durfee] Warden, was born 30 Dec., 1876, at Worcester, Mass. She married Miles Warden Tabor, 16 June, 1903, at Worcester, Mass.

One child:

1948 i. Franklin Warden³ Tabor, b. 17 May, 1905.



MRS. EFFIE CARR

1670

Effie D.² White, daughter of Lucy E.¹ Daniel, Lucy⁶, Benjamin⁵, Samuel⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas Dexter¹ and John C. White, was born 10 Dec., 1870, at Corning, N. Y. She married Charles A. Carr, M. D., 7 May, 1891. Dr. Carr is a well-known physician, and in addition to a regular practice, he is a specialist in the treatment of the eye, throat and nose. He was for several years health officer of the



DR. CHARLES A. CARR.



HAROLD W. CARR.

township of Corning, and a member of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Corning.

One child:

- 1949 i Harold W.^m Carr, b. at Corning, N. Y., 24 June, 1892.

1742

Charles Herbertⁿ Barber, son of Sarah W.ⁿ [Wilsonⁿ, Betseyⁿ, Benjaminⁿ, Samuelⁿ, Benjaminⁿ, Williamⁿ, Thomasⁿ Dexter and Charles W. Barber, was born 8 March, 1860. He married Eliza Lucelia Walker of Greenwich, Mass., 9 Nov., 1883.

Seven children:

- 1950 i Carrie May^m Barber, b. 15 May, 1884.
 1951 ii Oscar Herbert^m Barber, b. 7 Dec., 1885.
 1952 iii Arthur Wilson^m Barber, b. 16 Feb., 1887.
 1953 iv Mattie Lucelia^m Barber, b. 1 July, 1889.
 1954 v Angie Rosetta^m Barber, b. 11 Feb., 1891.
 1955 vi Laura Isabella^m Barber, b. 11 July, 1893.
 1956 vii Alta Estella^m Barber, b. 18 June, 1896.

1833

Bessie J.ⁿ Dexter, daughter of Ephraim A.ⁿ [Samuelⁿ, Gideonⁿ, Ephraimⁿ, Ephraimⁿ, Benjaminⁿ, Williamⁿ, Thomasⁿ and Betsey O. [Snow] Dexter, was born 11 March, 1866. She married Captain Francis A. Bowman, 6 July, 1886. He was the son of Captain Luther and Hannah [Hiller] Bowman. He was a sea captain, and made many voyages between ports on the United States Coast, also between the United States and England. He was once wrecked on the coast of Ireland. He made one whaling trip, sailing in the bark "Commodore Morris." In 1876 he took command of the schooner "Marysville," which was carrying lumber between the Bay of Fundy and Boston. In 1882 he came home, and was made pilot for Buzzards Bay and vicinity. He is now employed by H. E. Converse as commander of his steam and sailing yachts.

One child:

- 1957 i Edna F.^m Bowman, b. at Mattapoisett, 17 Sept., 1891.

1835

Amy A.³ Dexter, daughter of Ephraim A.² [Samuel⁵, Gideon⁶, Ephraim⁵, Ephraim⁴, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹] and Betsey O. [Snow] Dexter, was born 26 June, 1874. She married William H. Hammond, 3 Nov., 1893.

Three children:

- 1958 i Elton F.^{1st} Hammond, b. at Mattapoisett, 4 Feb., 1896.
- 1959 ii Earle D.^{1st} Hammond, b. at Marion, 24 Aug., 1897.
- 1960 iii Alice C.^{1st} Hammond, b. at Mattapoisett, 22 Nov., 1899.



CHARLES DEXTER ALLEN

1883

Charles Dexter¹ Allen, son of Annie P.² [Charles H.³, Seth⁴, Seth⁵, Seth⁶, Benjamin³, William², Thomas¹ Dexter] and Bennett R. Allen, was born 8 May, 1865, at Windsor Locks, Conn. He married Frances Louise Clark of Hartford, Conn., 5 Nov., 1890.

Four children:

- 1961 i Sylvia Mary^m Allen, b. at Windsor Locks, 10 May, 1892.
- 1962 ii Louise Pierson^m Allen, b. at Windsor Locks, 10 Oct., 1894; d. 15 April, 1897.
- 1963 iii Marian^m Allen, b. at Hartford, Ct., 10 March, 1896.
- 1964 iv Barbara^m Allen, b. at Hartford, Ct., 1 Sept., 1901.

Jonathan Dexter, the first of this line, appeared at Mansfield, Ct., in the early times, but where he was born and whom he married has not been ascertained. The Slafter Genealogy states that his son, Daniel, born 1765, married Roxa Slafter,

Daniel Dexter, son of Jonathan, was born 11 Sept., 1765; died 27 Sept., 1848; married Roxa¹ Slafter, daughter of Samuel [Samuel², John¹]. She was born 29 Nov., 1767; died 17 March, 1842.

Children:

- i Asahel Dexter, b. at Mansfield, Ct., 1788; m. Susan Austen, 27 Sept., 1818. He was Captain of Paris Furnace Company, 140th N. Y. Regiment, in War of 1812, and was in active service six months. Children, born in Paris, N. Y.:
 - 1. Susan Dexter, b. 5 Feb., 1820; d. 15 March, 1880.
 - 2. Lovira Dexter, b. 24 Oct., 1821.
 - 3. Emily Dexter, b. 5 April, 1824; d. 18 July, 1882.
 - 4. Charles Dexter, b. 15 Feb., 1829; m. Almira L. Hackett, 14 May, 1851, and they had one child, Charles Albert Dexter, b. at Clayville, N. Y., 24 June, 1857.
- ii Tryphosa Dexter, b. at Mansfield, Ct., 1792; d. 1819.
- iii Daniel Dexter, b. 1800; d. 1822.
- iv Chester Dexter, b. 5 Oct., 1804; m. Ann Williams. Three daughters.
- v Samuel Freeman Dexter, b. 13 Aug., 1806; m. (1) Candice Risley, (2) Melvina C. Daily, (3) Deborah Super. Children:
 - 1. Daniel Dexter, b. at Covington, N. Y., 23 Dec., 1832; d. 27 Jan., 1855.
 - 2. Lucy Ann Dexter, b. at Auburn, N. Y., 24 Sept., 1836.
 - 3. Henry Daniel Dexter, b. 1837.

4. Emmet Dexter, b. 12 Dec., 1847; d. 17 March, 1866.
5. Jane Dexter, b. 15 Nov., 1849; d. 19 Feb., 1855.
6. Freeman Dick Dexter, b. at Paris, N. Y., 16 July, 1852;
m. Susanna A. Smith, 30 April, 1874.

Henry Daniel Dexter, son of Samuel Freeman [Daniel, Jonathan] and Deborah [Soper] Dexter, was born 24 March, 1837. He married Sarah M. Bently of Paris, N. Y., 30 March, 1857.

Nine children:

- i. William Daniel, b. 25 March, 1858; d. 6 July, 1903; m. Kate Dailey, 20 June, 1896.
- ii. Emma Nettie, b. 13 Aug., 1859; m. George Smith, 12 Nov., 1880.
Two children: Robert Earl Smith, b. 15 Nov., 1883; Reba M. Smith, b. 11 Oct., 1888.
- iii. Charles Henry, b. 19 Sept., 1863; m. Kate Brower, 6 Aug., 1884.
Three children: Delta V., b. 1 March, 1886; m. Edward Newhouse, 23 June, 1905; Libbie L., b. 11 July, 1890; Jessie M., b. 14 Feb., 1896; d. 21 June, 1896.
- iv. Jennie Louisa, b. 3 Aug., 1865; m. William H. McCann, 31 June, 1893.
- v. Delta Elvora, b. 28 Aug., 1868; d. 26 Dec., 1874.
- vi. Colonel Wallace, b. 13 May, 1870; d. 25 Dec., 1874.
- vii. Horace Fred, b. 31 Jan., 1872; d. 26 Dec., 1874.
- viii. Walter Vincent, b. 12 April, 1874; d. 12 April, 1874.
- ix. Robert Emmet, b. 5 July, 1877; d. 10 Sept., 1877.

Freeman D. Dexter, son of Samuel Freeman [Daniel, Jonathan] and Deborah [Soper] Dexter, was born 16 July, 1852, at Paris, N. Y. He lived upon his father's farm until he was 14 years of age. In 1866 he went to live with a farmer in West Winfield, where he remained three years, when he started in business, repairing organs and other musical instruments, and later he built some musical instruments. In August, 1897, he took out a patent in the United States and Canada, on a two-manual reed organ, which was an improvement in tone over those in common use. He continued tuning and is actively engaged in that business at



FREEMAN D. DEXTER.

the present time. He has tuned nearly seventeen thousand instruments. He moved to Earlville, N. Y., in 1901. He married Susan A. Smith, 30 April, 1874.

Five children:

- i Inez May Dexter, b. 3 Feb., 1880; d. 9 Aug., 1888.
- ii Henry Daniel Dexter, b. 11 Nov., 1886; d. 13 Aug., 1887.
- iii Clara Belle Dexter, b. 7 March, 1888.
- iv Mabel Ellen Dexter, b. 10 Jan., 1892.
- v Otto Freeman Dexter, b. 30 May, 1895.

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